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- 2 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay. Good morning.
- 3 It's still morning so that's a good sign.
- 4 MR. ALVAREZ: But is it still good?
- 5 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Well, you can make
- 6 the determination in about an hour and a half.
- Welcome to Energy Commission Staff Workshop
- 8 as part of the Exit Fee Exemption proceeding 03-
- 9 CRS-01. My name is Scott Tomashefsky. I'll be
- 10 your host for the next six hours or shorter if we
- 11 can get that done.
- 12 And to my left is Darcie Houck, our staff
- 13 attorney assigned to this proceeding.
- I guess in starting off there are about not
- 30 documents this time, but there's only five
- documents on the table in the back upon which
- 17 three of them represent the regulations that were
- 18 submitted and are now published by the Office of
- 19 Administrative Law. Draft Regulations were
- 20 published on August 29th and you should have on
- 21 the back table, just to make sure, the Notice of
- 22 Proposed Action, the Initial Statement of Reasons,
- and the Express Terms, which are the regulations.
- 24 And just for logistical purposes August 29th
- 25 started the 45-day clock so we have official

1 comments on the regulations due October 20th with

- 2 an adoption hearing which basically we had a
- 3 Commission business meeting scheduled for October
- 4 22nd however we're not going to -- we're going to
- 5 give parties an opportunity to at least have a
- 6 chance to discuss concerns with the Renewables
- 7 Committee so we're going to schedule a Renewables
- 8 Committee hearing for September 24th which is a
- 9 Wednesday here at the Commission.
- MR. ALVAREZ: September 24th?
- 11 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Yes.
- 12 And we will send out the hearing notice
- 13 sometime early next week since we've got two-week
- 14 statutory requirement. We haven't drafted up the
- hearing yet, but we've cleared calendars so we're
- 16 going to use that as an opportunity to give the
- 17 Committee a status report on where we are here,
- just kind of give a brief overview of where the
- 19 regs are and let parties have an opportunity to
- 20 express their concerns or tell us how wonderful a
- job we've done with them so far. So we'd prefer
- the latter but we expect the former.
- 23 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: If we stick a mike or
- 24 two sort of back in that area would that work for
- 25 you?

1 THE REPORTER: Only if we handed it around

- but it might be better if they'd --
- 3 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 4 MR. ALVAREZ: Manuel Alvarez, Southern
- 5 California Edison.
- 6 I guess just a procedural question. Since
- 7 you filed the regulations with the Office of
- 8 Administrative Law, if people have comments, do
- 9 they have to file them here and there? No? Just
- 10 here?
- 11 MS. HOUCK: Just with the Commission.
- 12 MR. ALVAREZ: Okay.
- MR. ALVAREZ: That's all I needed.
- 14 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay. Okay. They
- 15 can just hand it to you and you can bring it over
- 16 here.
- 17 Okay. So for today's discussion I just want
- 18 to give you a quick update on where we are with
- 19 the NOPA. Though we just talked about procedural,
- 20 I just want to give you a couple of nuances about
- 21 what might or might not be different in terms of
- 22 what we discussed and what was actually filed.
- 23 Then we'll go through -- we'll have a continuation
- or review of the exemption forms. We're not going
- 25 to go in a line-by-line look at this but we'll

1 look at it in terms of concerns and seeing how far

- we have to go and we'll just work through that,
- 3 get some comments and then we should be done. So,
- I mean, we have the room scheduled all day. I
- 5 would like to get done by 12:00 if we could, but
- 6 we'll see how that goes. So if anybody really
- 7 wants to stay another three hours we can probably
- 8 find time to discuss things but for -- shoot for
- 9 12:00 then and then you can get back to the
- 10 airports and things like that.
- 11 Any concerns, questions with the agenda or
- what we're going to get done this morning?
- 13 So again the Renewables Committee will have a
- 14 hearing on the 24th. My hope is not to have the
- workshop that we have scheduled for the 15th so
- 16 that's my expectation because we do have two
- 17 workshops scheduled today and on the 15th to kind
- of -- continuance here but hopefully we'll be far
- 19 enough along where we won't have to actually have
- that workshop.
- 21 On the back table also was a one-page status
- of the rule making which basically gives you the
- 23 schedule of where things are just to kind of
- 24 review that just for a minute. Of course we
- 25 initiated the LAR May 28th and we've had a series

of workshops. We had one staff workshop on June

- 2 6th. We had a Renewables Committee workshop on
- 3 the 16th of July and another staff workshop for
- 4 this application form on the 13th.
- 5 Assuming the regs are adopted on October
- 6 22nd, we would submit final documents to the
- 7 Office of Administrative Law early November and
- 8 then they would be approved potentially early part
- 9 of December so our expectation would be that we'd
- 10 have these regs in place by first part of January.
- 11 So all these outstanding issues, the forms dealing
- 12 with establishing the cue dealing with setting up
- 13 the web, all that stuff. All those stars have to
- 14 align around the 1st of January so the
- 15 regulations, at least in terms of the tariff form,
- 16 we have flexibility within the regs to continue
- 17 working on this form but -- even after the regs
- 18 are adopted.
- 19 Yes, sir?
- 20 Can you come up and -- we're going to have to
- 21 deal with that. Just --
- MR. WILSON: Boyd Wilson, Robertson Bryan,
- 23 Incorporated.
- Just a quick question. Based on this
- 25 projected schedule do you foresee any delay at the

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1 CPUC at all?
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- 2 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Well, in terms of
- 3 establishing the caps there are some outstanding
- 4 issues that the PUC needs to resolve, but from the
- 5 standpoint of establishing the megawatt cap it
- 6 should be independent of that. There's issues
- 7 related to approving tariffs and maybe, Dan and
- 8 others, you can kind of give us an updated where
- 9 some of those tariff proposals are as far as where
- 10 they are in the approval process because you don't
- 11 have tariffs that have yet been approved to --
- 12 MR. TUNNICLIFF: No.
- 13 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: -- charge the CRFs.
- MR. TUNNICLIFF: All the utilities filed --
- 15 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Can you hear him at
- 16 all?
- 17 THE REPORTER: No.
- 18 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay. Let's move
- that up a little bit. We're going to catch you
- 20 guys jumping.
- 21 MR. TUNNICLIFF: We filed our tariffs, but to
- 22 my knowledge I don't have a time line as to when
- those are going to be approved.
- 24 Katherine?
- MS. MANWARREN: We've asked but we're still

- 1 not --
- 2 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Doug?
- 3 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: We're going to get
- 4 that. I'll tell you what we're going to do. We
- 5 have one of these.
- 6 (Indicating a wireless microphone)
- 7 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: The phone is working.
- 8 Does that work? That should work. Okay. We're
- 9 going to just let this run around. So who wants
- 10 to hold it first? Who have is the next person to
- 11 speak can pick it up and then hold it until the
- 12 next person speaks.
- Okay. So there's some outstanding issues
- that the PUC needs to deal with in terms of having
- 15 tariffs put in place and there are some other
- issues that are pending, some resolutions in the
- 17 PUC, but in terms of what we need to do, we need
- to have a process where there's a cap that really
- 19 established and people can file for their
- 20 exemptions so that's our objective here.
- Okay. Any other questions at all?
- Okay. In terms -- just to walk through a
- 23 little bit of the NOPA, and I'll give you the very
- 24 abridged version of what we have here. Basically
- 25 what the Renewables Committee had discussed on

July 16th and what we submitted as largely -- it's

- 2 not different than the context of the process for
- dealing with the CRS exemption. What it does do
- 4 is it has a little bit more language that ties it
- 5 to some of our data collection authority that we
- 6 have so there is a connection with the development
- of our Integrated Energy Policy Report under SB
- 8 1389 so there's some language in there that shows
- 9 up that may not have been there in earlier
- 10 versions of the regs that we had reviewed but in
- 11 terms of the process there should not be any
- 12 significant changes at all.
- Just a couple of things to note in terms of
- some of debate we have had. One of the issues
- that we've talked about is the ability of a
- 16 customer who is submitting an exemption request to
- 17 not have that information go to the utility.
- 18 We've debated that fairly extensively. It's been
- one of our hot topics, if you will, and the way
- 20 the regulations are set up there is a requirement
- 21 to submit the application to the utility and also
- to us and we're going to keep it that way.
- 23 There was some concern about having the
- 24 application be tied to the interconnection
- 25 application which our regs are not calling for.

1 They basically separate those two processes but

- 2 the information itself, the way its designed,
- 3 needs to go to both utility and us with a 10-day
- 4 reporting requirement to the utility so -- and
- 5 that's been the position of the committee is that
- 6 we need to make this thing administratively
- 7 workable so from that standpoint if there are
- 8 issues related to whether or not the utility will
- 9 use that to some advantage from a competitive
- 10 standpoint I think what we would do is just defer
- 11 that issue to the PUC and if you take into context
- the way the PUC dealt with the notion of utility
- and affiliate transactions, the governance between
- the behavioral actions between the two entities,
- it's really an issue that's beyond the scope of
- our proceedings so we're going to go on that basis
- and if there are some -- there are some concerns
- about that, what we could do potentially is have a
- 19 section within the decision that ultimately gets
- 20 issued by the Commission which has some areas of
- 21 concern or quidance that the PUC should consider
- so as we adopt the regulations we can provide some
- 23 additional input to the PUC in terms of what we
- think are issues that have come up in our process
- 25 that they should consider but are beyond the scope

 $1\,$ $\,$ of our objectives and projects here. So hopefully

- 2 that will provide some clarification.
- 3 In terms of other areas, the other thing that
- 4 also comes out of the process for the exemption
- 5 request is we have found under the provision that
- 6 the exemption forms are being developed as a
- 7 catchall for all types of exemptions and we
- 8 basically said, well, let's go ahead and do that
- 9 as a starting point but recognize that we may have
- 10 to strip out all the other exemption requests that
- go along with it and we had argued about whether
- there was some synergies associated with just
- 13 having one exemption request form which applies to
- 14 standard charges and all those other things.
- 15 In thinking through that, since a lot of
- 16 those requests are really beyond the scope of what
- 17 we're supposed to do here, we're supposed to look
- 18 strictly at the CRS exemptions that -- the forms
- 19 that we're responsible for developing should focus
- strictly on those type of things so as we redraft
- 21 this, we'll likely have to strip out the portions
- 22 that are not related to CRS. I don't think that
- 23 would be a major undertaking because I think the
- 24 way we've designed it, at least debated it, it's
- 25 something that can be easily stripped out but

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we'll have to deal with it strictly from a CRS
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- 2 standpoint and nothing else other than that.
- 3 That was really the only two that I could
- 4 think of off hand.
- 5 Did you think of any? Is that it?
- 6 (Ms. Houck shakes head.)
- 7 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay. So I know some
- 8 of those determinations probably won't necessarily
- 9 leave you walking out of the room saying, well, we
- 10 got everything we wanted. Well, part of the
- 11 process doesn't necessarily result in everybody
- 12 getting what they want but something that's
- workable. So just kind of keeping that in mind
- then if I just kind of got onto the 75 to 80
- 15 percent threshold and if you can get three
- 16 quarters of what you want then you're probably
- doing okay. So, you know, we can't make everybody
- happy but we don't want to make everybody
- 19 seriously unhappy so something that's workable is
- really the goal here. So that's where we're
- 21 going.
- 22 At this point why don't I turn it over to Dan
- 23 and Katherine. Perhaps you can kind of walk us
- 24 through some of the modifications that you have
- 25 worked through in terms of dealing with this

1 latest version and we can kind of go from there.

- 2 Do you have a question?
- 3 MS. TESSLER: Just one.
- 4 Scott, I just want to make sure what you
- 5 handed out at the table, this is what was filed to
- 6 the -- last week -- this is the revised ones?
- 7 There's no heading or date.
- 8 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: That's right. That
- 9 is the one that was filed and basically the
- 10 official regs that were submitted have a reference
- 11 to our web site and so that is what you'll find if
- 12 you download the express terms.
- MS. TESSLER: Okay.
- MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: So, yeah, there's no
- 15 date on that though.
- MR. SOLT: At the last meeting --
- 17 THE REPORTER: Would you please state your
- 18 name for the record.
- 19 MR. SOLT: Chuck Solt, Lindh & Associates.
- 20 At the last meeting you had indicated the
- 21 desire to get someone from ARB here today; is that
- going to happen or is that scrubbed?
- 23 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Good question.
- 24 Physically it's not going to happen.
- 25 However, I do have a response back from ARB so

- 1 I'll hand that out.
- 2 MR. SOLT: Okay.
- 3 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: And they're working
- 4 on some proposed regulations where it's kind of
- 5 zapping all of their terms.
- 6 But let me go ahead and hand this out and
- 7 then I guess what I'll do is I'll read their main
- 8 points so we have it in the record. Let's do
- 9 that.
- 10 MR. SOLT: And the other question was at the
- 11 last meeting, Real Energy had presented some
- 12 information. You asked for some more formalized
- 13 presentation of material from them; did you
- 14 receive that and is taht going to be part of
- 15 today's discussion.
- 16 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: No, it's not. I have
- 17 not received anything except for the sheet of
- 18 paper that Real Energy had at the last meeting.
- 19 And in terms of the process itself, we had debated
- 20 that. The process that the Committee was amenable
- 21 to at the July 16th and also the June 16th -- the
- June 6th workshop so I have not received anything
- 23 else. If I do receive something, I will forward
- 24 it along.
- Okay. Pass this.

Okay. So just to read this in so we have it

- 2 in the record. And I'll just start with the --
- 3 that they agree that they'd take a look at it. It
- 4 says, comments are the following. It says,
- 5 although we have not yet had to deal with the CHP
- 6 application in our DV certification program,
- 7 calculations in part 6 of your document, which was
- 8 the exemption request for that we posted, appears
- 9 to be correct. In parentheses, efficiency equals
- 10 total net usable energy out, total energy in. The
- application process appears to be self-certifying.
- 12 The application attests to the fact that he's
- 13 meeting the requirements without submitting any
- 14 data. This is certainly not the case when
- 15 applicants seek certification from ARB. They
- 16 submit the data, we analyze it and determine if
- 17 certification is warranted. By referencing the
- 18 2007 CARB emission limits for distributed
- 19 generation, I assume you're including the
- 20 applicable protocol for meeting those limits
- 21 including source testing at 50 percent, 75 percent
- and 100 percent load. Without meeting all of the
- 23 conditions of the ARB DG certification reg, can a
- 24 generating facility truly be considered to meet
- 25 the 2007 requirements? And they said that they

1 would be available to discuss these things but

- their participation is quite limited just in terms
- 3 of their staff constraints.
- 4 So that's their response to that. I don't
- 5 know if you have any response to that, Chuck. If
- 6 you can just come up to the -- why don't you just
- 7 take the mike so you can just sit there.
- 8 MR. SOLT: Actually, I think it's a wonderful
- 9 answer but it doesn't respond to the particular
- item that you brought up the last time when we
- 11 were meeting about -- it doesn't say that you're
- 12 to meet 2007 requirements. It says what you're
- 13 supposed to do is meet the levels, note while
- 14 you're operating, and as such you -- it implies
- 15 that you have to keep taking efficiency
- information throughout the operation rather than
- 17 simply -- you can apply a certified unit that
- 18 passed the ARB and if you aren't operating it
- 19 because of the way that the regulation was
- written, it might not be in compliance and so it's
- 21 a mess.
- 22 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 23 MR. SOLT: You remember we discussed that
- last time.
- 25 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Do you have any

1 suggestions on how to resolve that or is that such

- 2 a problem that --
- 3 MR. SOLT: Meet with Mike.
- 4 MR. TUNNICLIFF: The ARB; right?
- 5 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: That's right.
- 6 Basically meet with the ARB.
- 7 So, okay, so we go ahead and meet with them
- 8 and so what do you talk about? So I'm looking for
- 9 guidance from you if that's --
- Take the mike with you so you don't have to
- 11 keep getting up. Then if Kevin wants to say
- anything then he'll be able to take it from you.
- 13 MR. SOLT: This -- you know, reason would say
- 14 that if you have a certified unit, that you meet
- 15 2007 requirements, that you should be accommodated
- but the decision that we're dealing with doesn't
- say that in detail when you really read it the way
- 18 that she read it last time it really doesn't say
- 19 that and I think it's just an oversight and I
- 20 don't know -- I would imagine you're going to have
- 21 to go back to the Utility Commission to get a
- 22 clarification. What they really meant was you're
- 23 supposed to meet the requirements of the 2007, not
- that you're supposed to meet the levels during
- 25 operation.

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- 2 MS. HOUCK: Yeah.
- 3 MR. SOLT: I mean you are the one that cost
- 4 me all the sleep by bringing this up the last
- 5 time. But I would suspect you got to go back to
- 6 the Utility Commission to get clarification but
- 7 I'm not an expert on that; you are.
- 8 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 9 You guys have any thoughts about that or --
- 10 MR. TUNNICLIFF: What we've done and we
- 11 mentioned it last time --
- 12 Dan Tunnicliff from Southern California
- 13 Edison.
- 14 What we mentioned last time, whatever
- 15 requirements the ARB sets out is what we would use
- 16 for this form and in this context and we propose
- 17 using in that. They are definitely the ones
- 18 responsible for that language and they're the ones
- 19 that know what they intended by that so whatever
- 20 specifications they lay out, we'll have the in
- form and, you know, we're in agreement that we'll
- 22 probably have them, someone available from CARB,
- 23 come talk to us or at least explain it -- how
- 24 we're all to do that.
- 25 MR. SOLT: And not to belabor the point but

if you get Mike in, if you had him here right now,

- 2 it's my assumption that what he would say to you
- 3 is their requirement is that the small units be
- 4 certified and so the Capstone unit is certified
- 5 and then as far as ARB is concerned you can
- 6 install the Capstone units and use them and they
- 7 meet the ARB requirements but according to her
- 8 reading, and, you know, I read it the same way now
- 9 that she points that out to me, that wouldn't
- 10 necessarily meet the decision and so the ARB can't
- 11 tell you what it is because they didn't write the
- 12 decision, the PUC did.
- MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- Any other comments on that?
- You want to take that microphone.
- MS. MANWARREN: Katherine Manwarren, Pacific
- 17 Gas and Electric.
- 18 The formulas that the utilities put together
- in this forum was a good faith effort to get the
- 20 process moving based on party established
- 21 practice. So it's intended to be a working
- document based on what we already use.
- 23 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- MS. MANWARREN: And from our reading of the
- 25 CARB requirements.

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1 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay. All right.
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- 2 So assuming what we have in the draft
- 3 application is appropriate, that takes the --
- 4 meeting the requirements as opposed to the
- 5 operating in those requirements; is that right?
- 6 MR. SOLT: That's right. If you're talking
- 7 about the larger units, they don't have
- 8 certification. If you're talking about the
- 9 smaller units, the certification program, you get
- 10 the units certified and as far as ARB is
- 11 concerned, that's it, you're done.
- 12 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 13 So now from our standpoint then, so if we get
- to a point and I look at October 22nd as kind of a
- 15 target date, if these things are adopted and we
- 16 have a series of -- hear some concerns --
- 17 MR. SOLT: Um-hmm.
- 18 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: -- that need to be
- 19 addressed, are we in a position where we can
- 20 interpret it this way and ask for clarifications?
- 21 MR. SOLT: I would do it that way.
- 22 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 23 MR. SOLT: Because I think it's -- ARB was
- very clear in what they wanted.
- 25 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.

1 MR. SOLT: And it was just the way that

- 2 somebody at the PUC phrased it that raises this
- 3 compliance question and so it ought to be the PUC
- 4 that says, well that's not what we really meant.
- 5 What we meant was you've got to meet the 2007
- 6 requirements.
- 7 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Well, it's what the -- what
- 8 the PUC phrased but the PUC is citing the Public
- 9 Utilities Code which put that definition in play.
- 10 MS. HOUCK: That's --
- 11 MR. SOLT: Is that the Code that said --
- MS. HOUCK: Yes --
- MR. SOLT: Excuse me. I apologize.
- MS. HOUCK: Yeah, it's 353 point --
- MR. SOLT: Two.
- MS. HOUCK: -- 2 is what they site.
- 17 MR. SOLT: I apologize. You're correct.
- 18 It's three fifty -- it's the point 2 paragraph
- 19 that has the odd phrasing that raises the question
- about compliance.
- 21 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 22 So if we go under the notion that we're
- 23 assuming that it meets the requirements but we ask
- 24 for clarification on that --
- MR. SOLT: It meets the ARB requirements.

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1 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Right. Yeah.
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- 2 MR. SOLT: That -- that should be what you're
- 3 looking for and that -- we're assuming that that's
- 4 what the PUC really meant but the PUC now has a
- 5 conflict that they ought to resolve.
- 6 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 7 Is there any concern about that
- 8 interpretation?
- 9 Come on up be Manuel.
- 10 MR. ALVAREZ: I'm not clear exactly what you
- 11 mean by the conflict so can you explain that?
- MR. SOLT: Surely. What it -- I don't have
- the words in front of me. If you can read them --
- MR. ALVAREZ: Yeah.
- MS. HOUCK: And thing to note since the
- 16 Public Utilities Commission was citing a Public
- 17 Utilities Code section, they may only be able to
- 18 clarify to a certain extent since the legislature
- 19 obviously developed this language and if they have
- 20 a particular purpose for wanting to use that code,
- 21 we'll have to talk to them and figure that out.
- 22 But the language states that it produces zero
- 23 emissions during its operation or produces
- 24 emissions during its operation that are equal to
- or less than the 2007 State Air Resource Board

1 emission limits for distributed generation except

- 2 that technologies operating by combustion must
- 3 operate in a combined heat and power application
- 4 with a 60 percent system efficiency on a higher
- 5 heating value.
- 6 MR. SOLT: Okay. So what it says is that
- 7 when it's operating, it must meet the levels. It
- 8 doesn't say it needs to meet the ARB standard.
- 9 The ARB standard says you've got to be certified.
- 10 So he takes his unit in, he gets it certified by
- 11 the ARB and they say, okay, you're done, go sell
- 12 them anyplace you want to, we're happy. But this
- 13 says but when you're running it, you have to meet
- 14 the pounds per million -- meet the pounds per
- 15 megawatt hour limit which is an output base
- 16 standard which is dependent on efficiency so if
- 17 you aren't recovering enough heat or whatever,
- 18 you're not in compliance with this in spite of the
- 19 fact you're meeting the ARB's requirements. If
- they had simply said in the Code section that you
- 21 have to meet the ARB certification standards or
- that you have to be using a unit certified to 2007
- standards, it would have been cool, been done.
- 24 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: From the stand point
- of the administration, I mean, doesn't -- that

1 creates a big problem now in terms how you monitor

- 2 -- I mean, it's a matter of do you just check it
- off and you're good to go, or do you have to
- 4 monitor this thing basically on a daily basis.
- 5 MR. SOLT: Well, the way the ARB set it up is
- 6 once the guy has gotten his unit certified which
- is an expensive, complex process, but once that's
- 8 done there is no more compliance verification.
- 9 Nobody needs to do anything. The local district
- doesn't need to do anything, the applicant doesn't
- 11 need to do anything to demonstrate compliance. He
- is using a compliant unit. But the way that it's
- worded in 353.2, you've got to monitor your heat
- 14 recovery, and you've got to monitor your fuel
- 15 consumption, and you've got to do all the
- 16 calculations, and do the 12-month averaging and
- 17 all that kind of jazz and then I assume report it
- 18 to somebody so that they can verify that in fact
- 19 you're really operating in compliance.
- 20 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Yeah because I think this is
- 21 related to a specific type of technology that
- 22 meets the definition of ultra clean and low
- 23 emission and is not tied whatsoever to DG
- 24 certification by CARB. It's installed January 1 -
- by January 1, 2003 through December 31st, 2005

- 1 and then the definition --
- 2 MR. SOLT: 2006, but go ahead.
- 3 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Two thousand --
- 4 MS. HOUCK: Well, the decision says December
- 5 31st, 2005.
- 6 MR. TUNNICLIFF: So it is tied to a specific
- 7 type of technology that meets this definition and
- 8 has nothing to do with distributed generation and
- 9 through that certification process, from my
- 10 reading of the definition.
- MR. SOLT: But they did that you're supposed
- to meet the 2007 levels. If they said if you're
- 13 supposed to meet the 2007 requirement, that would
- be cool; they said "levels" and that's --
- MR. TUNNICLIFF: Right. So I think we're
- 16 talking about a couple of different terms. This
- is a specific definition for ultra clean and low
- 18 emissions and it's not related and tied to the DG
- 19 certification process that CARB lays out.
- 20 MR. SOLT: So if you want to argue that he
- 21 shouldn't make the assumption that I had
- 22 suggested, go ahead.
- 23 MR. TUNNICLIFF: I don't want to argue that
- 24 but I don't want to be fixated on those two are
- 25 tied. I think it's a specific definition that the

- 1 Commission laid out as a criteria for certain
- 2 exemptions for technologies that meet these things
- 3 and whether or not those things are tied is
- 4 another story. I think all of these things have
- 5 to be addressed but I think we're confusing a
- 6 couple of different issues there.
- 7 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 8 I guess in any event we still need
- 9 clarification on that. And I guess the question I
- 10 would have is what type of an impact would it have
- on this type of application form. I mean, do we
- 12 still have enough information in here so that you
- 13 can make the determination with some clarification
- so we need to make some assumption on how we're
- 15 going to interpret particular portions of that and
- seek clarification and if there is some
- 17 clarification that requires a modification, we can
- 18 go ahead and do that.
- 19 MR. SOLT: I think you can proceed with the
- form the way you've got it right now regardless of
- 21 which one of the two interpretations I want to
- take. Where the issue comes in is how do you
- demonstrate compliance and if you get the one way,
- the answer is you don't need to, there's no
- 25 requirement to. And if you do it the other way,

then it's up to the -- whoever, I guess the Energy

- 2 Commission or the PUC to develop a mechanism for
- 3 tracking fuel consumption and heat recovery and
- 4 all those other sorts of things that demonstrate
- 5 continuous compliance and what do you do if the
- 6 guy fails to comply?
- 7 There you go.
- 8 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 9 MS. MANWARREN: Scott?
- 10 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Yeah.
- 11 MS. MANWARREN: Another document that we read
- 12 through that was kind of a guidance for us is the
- 13 Air Resources Board put out an executive summary
- and technical support document dated September
- 15 2001 and it addresses proposed regulation for
- 16 establish -- to establish a distributed generation
- 17 certification program and it answers a lot of
- 18 these questions that are being raised and goes
- 19 into a lot more detail than we have so far so that
- 20 might help folks in understanding a little bit
- 21 more clearly what CARB is after.
- 22 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Did you come to any
- 23 conclusions when you looked through that at all?
- MS. MANWARREN: We pretty much captured it in
- 25 our form, basically.

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1 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
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- MS. MANWARREN: And we admit that -- clearly
- 3 that it's pending clarification from CARB. This
- 4 was dated September 2001. Obviously things have
- 5 changed since then but this is the most current
- 6 document available from CARB on the web.
- 7 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 8 That's part of their series of documents
- 9 that's posted; right then? Okay.
- 10 MR. SOLT: It's the certification program --
- 11 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 12 MR. SOLT: -- that we're talking about.
- 13 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: That's Appendix C you
- said? Was it one of the appendices?
- MR. SOLT: Which appendix did you say?
- 16 MS. MANWARREN: It's the Executive Summary
- and Technical Support, dated September 2001.
- 18 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 19 MS. MANWARREN: There's someone over here in
- the back that wants to make a comment.
- 21 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: If you sit -- grab --
- 22 sit around Chuck and we'll -- pass it along.
- 23 MR. WILSON: Scott, just a quick question.
- 24 In terms --
- MS. HOUCK: Could you state your name for the

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1 record, for the court reporter.
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- 2 MR. WILSON: Again? I mean --
- 3 MS. HOUCK: Yes.
- 4 MR. WILSON: I need to state it every time
- 5 before I speak?
- 6 Boyd Wilson, Robertson Bryan, Incorporated.
- 7 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Till he gets used to
- 8 you.
- 9 MR. WILSON: Okay.
- Just a quick question. The equipment that
- 11 has been certified by CARB, is that available on a
- 12 web site, either CARB's web site or is it the CEC
- 13 plan to list that on your web site once it's
- 14 approved?
- 15 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: It --
- MR. SOLT: It's listed on the CARB site.
- 17 MR. WILSON: On the CARB site.
- MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Yes.
- 19 MR. WILSON: The reason I'm asking is just
- 20 very simple. If we have -- we represent water
- 21 districts, irrigation districts and if they're
- 22 planning on going through this process it would be
- 23 nice to be able to go to a web site and deal with
- those vendors that have already been preapproved.
- 25 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: And Chuck, there's

four different units that are on there right now;

- 2 aren't there?
- 3 MR. SOLT: Yeah. A couple of few cells and
- 4 the two Capstone units are the only ones that are
- 5 certified right now.
- 6 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Right. And the fuel
- 7 cell one -- oh, I'm sorry.
- 8 MR. DUGGAN: There are a couple of Capstone
- 9 units, both of them; is that correct? I believe
- 10 they're both --
- MR. SOLT: No, one.
- 12 MR. DUGGAN: Okay he says one and a couple of
- 13 fuel cell units. I saw this morning there were
- 14 four on there and --
- MR. SOLT: Ingersol Rand --
- MR. DUGGAN: Oh, yeah, Ingersol Rand or UTC,
- one of those. I think maybe there are five.
- 18 There are several fuel cells and then the one
- 19 Capstone.
- 20 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: But actually the fuel
- cells are the only ones that are the '07
- 22 certification. I think the other ones have the
- 23 2003 certification.
- Okay. So you can find that out on the ARB
- 25 web site and --

- 1 MR. DUGGAN: Um-hum.
- 2 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: And if you can't
- 3 figure out how to get there I think you can link
- 4 through ours.
- 5 MR. SOLT: But going back to the way 353.2 is
- 6 worded, you don't need to use a certified unit and
- 7 if you do, it doesn't really buy you anything.
- 8 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Right. I think that the
- 9 certifications seem to be, you know, one part is
- one level for certain purposes but for a departing
- load decision it's efficiency based and
- operationally based and grants various exemptions.

- 14 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- MR. TUNNICLIFF: Not whether or not something
- 16 is certified. Unless they come up with
- 17 certification protocol for the 2007.
- 18 MR. SOLT: They have it.
- 19 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 20 MS. HOUCK: Just actually the document that
- 21 Katherine referenced, it's actually stationary
- 22 source division branch assessment branch July 2002
- is the date. It's the guidance for permitting of
- 24 electrical generation technologies as approved by
- the Air Resources Board on November 15th, 2001.

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1 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
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- I guess what we'll do is we'll take a look at
- 3 that and we can raise it if --
- 4 MR. SOLT: It doesn't change anything.
- 5 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 6 So in the context of this form development,
- 7 not an issue. Okay. Okay.
- 8 Dan, you just want to walk through some of
- 9 the general changes.
- 10 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Okay.
- 11 For those of you who weren't here last time,
- we went line by line through the form and I don't
- 13 think that has -- just so they're warranted -- we
- listened to and took quite a few of the comments
- and made the revisions that we thought were
- 16 pertinent. You can take a look at -- part 1
- 17 hasn't changed a whole lot other than we had a
- 18 glossary section, we had some debate whether or
- 19 not we wanted to retain that. We moved the
- 20 glossary to an attachment 1. Didn't spend a lot
- of time other than for the fact of taking out
- 22 technical requirements. Some glossary items that
- 23 you might find the rule 21 process. We tried to
- limit it to things that are applicable to this
- whole process. We didn't go through and matching

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1 up the definitions exactly, however, we just
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- 2 wanted to make sure that we had a place holder.
- 3 We felt it was still valuable as an attachment.
- We added on the second page -- we added
- 5 section E talking about the time lines that were
- 6 required to provide certain information within 10
- 7 business days until they will notify in writing of
- 8 the provisional characterization, conditions that
- 9 must be met for final characterization, on
- 10 description of the charges that the customer of
- 11 the generating facility will be exempt from and we
- 12 considered this language and it -- we could take
- 13 it out or keep it or modify it. If there is a
- problem and if you disagree with the utilities
- provisional characterization, contact the CEC to
- impose whatever sort of dispute resolution process
- or rely upon existing processes. I don't really
- 18 know if you feel that that's appropriate, but I
- 19 wanted to make sure that it's up front and
- 20 available for customers and applicants to take a
- look at and have a way of resolving any issues.
- 22 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 23 Any questions with that --
- 24 Turn around. Take the mike.
- MR. DUGGAN: Kevin Duggan with Capstone

- 1 Turbine Corporation.
- 2 My question is about the definition departing
- 3 load and subsequently who has to fill out this
- form. I see a definition listed in this document,
- 5 but in the decision from the PUC there were some
- 6 things that were excluded from the definition of
- 7 departing load, things like new load and expansion
- 8 of load. And so I'm not sure whether people who
- 9 are doing something that involves new load or
- 10 things that are listed as not departing load,
- 11 whether those people need to file a form so that
- they can be acknowledged as not being departing
- load or whether those people themselves decide
- 14 that what they're doing is not departing load and
- therefore they are not a part of this process.
- MR. TUNNICLIFF: One part that -- I'll
- 17 reiterate. One thing that we did, we left in and
- 18 retained the definitions and they're not
- 19 necessarily consistent with what's in the
- 20 decision. We're using it more as a place holder
- 21 right now but whatever decision and whatever
- definition that's related to departing load will
- 23 be the definition that gets attached to this
- 24 glossary. So to answer your question --
- 25 You want to answer that, Katherine?

1 MS. MANWARREN: You had an excellent point.

- New load is an issue and we have filings in front
- of the Commission now, the PUC, to resolve those
- 4 issues. So that's something that we're working on
- 5 and recognize as an issue. So here again we can
- 6 work with reform to allow for the questions around
- 7 new load, expanded load.
- 8 MR. TUNNICLIFF: And it seems to be more
- 9 outside of the scope of collecting this
- information or carrying out this process because
- all of the utility -- the three utilities have all
- of our file tariffs that include these issues --
- MS. MANWARREN: Right.
- MR. TUNNICLIFF: And, you know, we had to
- 15 respond to the protests and comments related to
- 16 what we filed so that is, I think, beyond the
- scope of our ability to resolve those issues.
- 18 MS. HOUCK: For purposes of our regulations,
- 19 we're looking at the issues that the Commission
- 20 dealt with in its decision regarding CRS
- 21 exemption. Those appeared to be looking at load
- that was currently being served by the utilities
- 23 and then -- in departing. In issuing our express
- terms it appears that we went back to change the
- 25 customer generation definition to be consistent

with the decision and inadvertently we deleted the

- 2 departing load definition which -- from the
- decision which should have remained in there.
- 4 What we can do is reincorporate that definition
- 5 and send that out to all the parties today and we
- 6 will still have 45 days before October 22nd and we
- 7 can send that to the parties and OAL and that
- 8 shouldn't be a timing issue but we are trying to
- 9 be as consistent with the decision that the PUC
- 10 issued and have our regulations as flexible as
- 11 possible to accommodate any either revisions or
- 12 clarifications to this decision or additional
- information or exemptions that may apply to new
- departing load as well.
- MS. WESTBY: And that was going to be
- 16 precisely my question. We've got a lot of
- definitions floating around, they're all different
- 18 at this point and I'm assuming that the
- 19 controlling definition will go back to the PUC and
- 20 in the event that any of these decisions are
- 21 confusing for any reason that will be the
- 22 controlling source. Is that --
- 23 MS. HOUCK: Yeah. That is -- our purposes
- 24 are to collect data and track information to see
- 25 who falls into what categories but the PUC is

determining who gets these exemptions, not the

- 2 Commission so we need to apply the definitions
- 3 they were using in determining what departing load
- 4 is and who would receive the exemptions.
- 5 MS. WESTBY: I think that would be a great
- 6 clarification today in going back and pulling out
- 7 those decisions precisely so we don't have any
- 8 ambiguity. I know it lengthens your regulations
- 9 unfortunately but I think it would be helpful.
- 10 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay. Well I think
- 11 within the time frame we're probably okay so
- 12 that's not a problem.
- 13 MS. HOUCK: Is there a concern other than the
- departing load definition that you felt was
- 15 inconsistent?
- MS. WESTBY: Well, just the definitions that
- we have and the forms are different from the --
- 18 regs are different from the --
- 19 MS. HOUCK: Okay. Okay.
- 20 Because the forms we have more flexibility
- 21 with and we can work with those today. The
- 22 definitions in the forms should be consistent with
- 23 the regulations which should be consistent with
- 24 the PUC decision and I think the definitions in
- 25 the regulations we put out other than having to

1 add the departing load definition should be

- 2 consistent with the decision.
- 3 MR. TUNNICLIFF: And the utilities, I think
- 4 we all agree that whatever definitions that are
- 5 ultimately in the departing -- are in the decision
- 6 by the Commission are the ones that we're going to
- 7 be using. So the glossary is just intended to go
- 8 along with this application process and we always
- 9 intended to have the same definitions that we rely
- 10 upon, you know, the governing -- you know, whether
- it's the Public Utilities Code or whether it's the
- 12 Commission establishing those but again it's, you
- 13 know, kind of a working document to be used as a
- tool to help applicants and we moved into the
- 15 attack of one we considered and thought about,
- whereever this, it final resting place of this
- 17 application resides, you have a glossary and/or
- other materials adjacent to them on the same web
- 19 site or what have you of. It's just an idea to
- 20 keep these things together to make it easier for
- 21 applicants.
- 22 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- MR. McCLARY: Steve McClary, MRW for Nestle
- 24 Waters.
- I would strongly second Eddy's point and I

think, you know, we've got them here. That the

- definitions go back to the Commission decision.
- In terms of the form and how that's presented, I
- 4 appreciate the changes that we've seen. I think
- 5 we're working on this glossary issue. I would say
- 6 understanding that the glossary as we see it now
- 7 as you put it, as a place holder, that at the
- 8 front where we refer to the glossary that we
- 9 perhaps strengthen the point there to say not just
- 10 that sources are provided where applicable but
- 11 that the guiding definition, the ruling
- 12 definition, will be as defined in the decisions or
- 13 I guess in the regulations perhaps in this case.
- 14 But just to make sure that, you know, the glossary
- can be a useful tool but that it's not taken as
- 16 the definition of these terms since we've got
- 17 enough versions and misunderstandings of the
- 18 definitions already floating around.
- 19 MR. TUNNICLIFF: I believe we all agree on
- 20 that. Good point.
- 21 MR. McCLARY: One thing that we did talk
- about at the last one, and this is somewhat in the
- 23 same vein, was actually sort of the title of
- these, you know, whether they're customer
- 25 generating facility tariff exemptions or departing

load tariff exemptions and maybe we didn't go all

- 2 the way to the end of that discussion last time
- 3 but I would say that it's actually more
- 4 appropriate to consider these as departing load
- 5 tariff exemptions rather than generating facility
- 6 tariff exemptions and it does lead to some
- 7 confusion. When you read this initial page of the
- 8 tariff you see, is a customer generating facility
- 9 tariff exemptions, and the first thing that's
- 10 talked about are departing load, costs
- 11 responsibility surcharge, departing load,
- 12 nonbypassable charges --
- 13 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Actually, we did
- agree to a change but I'm sure it's just an
- 15 oversight. We said, application for departing
- load exemption associated with customer generating
- 17 facility. I think that's what we agreed to. So
- 18 that's just --
- 19 MR. McCLARY: That's right.
- 20 MR. TUNNICLIFF: That was a long day.
- 21 MR. McCLARY: It was --
- MR. TUNNICLIFF: We tried to get as many of
- 23 those questions. We would welcome a red line
- 24 version. I think you distributed the document in
- 25 word format, not just PDF --

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1 MR. McCLARY: That's right.
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- 2 MR. TUNNICLIFF: -- so --
- 3 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: I will tell you I
- 4 don't know how to take track changes off so if you
- 5 -- if you ever make changes, make sure it's clean
- 6 when you send it to us or you might find something
- 7 you don't want to disclose.
- 8 But anyway, so we can just go ahead and make
- 9 that change.
- 10 MR. McCLARY: All right. Well -- and that
- 11 was really the main point I have on this, this
- 12 first section.
- Do you want to go like part 1, part 2, part 3
- 14 through this or --
- MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: We could do that.
- What's your pleasure?
- 17 MR. TUNNICLIFF: I think so.
- 18 Any other comments or questions on part 1?
- 19 MR. McCLARY: Actually, some of what we have
- 20 would probably just be, you know, a red line. I
- 21 think there is, you know, typo type things that we
- don't really need to stay until four o'clock going
- 23 through that kind of thing.
- MR. TUNNICLIFF: We could.
- MR. McCLARY: Yeah, we could but it is Friday

1 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Yeah. That's why we

- 2 have these meetings on Friday so we can get out of
- 3 here.
- 4 MR. TUNNICLIFF: One thing we did I want to
- 5 offer up too is we -- there's a lot of ways we can
- 6 do this but, you know, red line version and
- 7 comments received that way would probably be
- 8 pretty helpful at this point because, you know,
- 9 you can -- each time when we get through this we
- 10 find something else and I'm sure you're looking at
- it a little differently. We intended to modify it
- 12 that way and we missed that last comment so --
- MR. McCLARY: We can do that too. And also,
- 14 I mean, in some ways going through the details
- 15 when -- I think you said at the beginning, Scott,
- 16 you're looking at pulling out some of the non-CRS
- material and an application anyway, that's sort of
- more of a macro change than some of the red line
- 19 kinds of comments we might be providing anyway.
- 20 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 21 MR. McCLARY: All the more reason to give you
- 22 a clean version.
- 23 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Absolutely true. And
- 24 to the extent that we are in a position -- as we
- 25 finish up this discussion later if we can have

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1 these changes incorporated so that we can
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- distribute something before the hearing on the
- 3 24th that would be great so I'm looking for
- 4 something a week before that ideally.
- 5 MR. McCLARY: Thanks.
- 6 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 7 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Do you mind if we just take
- 8 one minute. I have one result -- is
- 9 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Sure. Do you want a
- 10 side discussion or --
- 11 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Yes.
- 12 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- You want to go off for a second?
- 14 THE REPORTER: Off the record?
- MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Yeah. Off the record
- 16 for a second.
- 17 (Thereupon a recess was taken.)
- 18 MS. MANWARREN: One of concerns that I had
- 19 before we moved on was the agreement that this is
- 20 going to be the application for customer
- 21 generating facility tariff exemptions without
- reference to 0304030 and the reason I say that is
- 23 that we already have a pending advice letter on
- 24 file with a new tariff that also includes
- exemptions to 372 or three seven two and 353.2

1 that are pending approval. So it might conflict

- 2 unless we reference this document to the --
- 3 No? You don't think so?
- 4 MS. HOUCK: It will either be a CEC form or
- 5 we can put something in there regarding
- 6 eligibility determination but we don't want to
- 7 reference that decision because we want to make
- 8 sure our regs are flexible enough that where if
- 9 there's a subsequent decision that comes out that
- 10 we don't have to go back and redo this because
- 11 we're also looking at this to collect data
- 12 generally. It's a CEC form and if we want to put
- a footnote in there somewhere looking at the
- 14 general concept of what the PUC is doing, but the
- form is going to be based on our regulations --
- MS. MANWARREN: Okay.
- MS. HOUCK: -- and even though we're relying
- 18 heavily on this decision because it sets out the
- 19 criteria, we're looking out for determining these
- 20 forms. It's still relying on our regulations.
- MS. MANWARREN: Okay.
- 22 So there will be some reference that this is
- 23 a CEC form then.
- 24 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: In some form or
- 25 another we'll make --

1 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Provide that, you know, one 2 of the things that we're -- definitely we're 3 concerned with is making sure that to the greatest extent possible departing load and these related 4 5 tariff exemptions rely upon and work with existing 6 file forms that are already on the books. For 7 simplicity, for customer ease it would be better if they're going to have to apply for these 8 9 exemptions or apply for exemptions. They're not 10 going to get this form and three other forms to get all of the tariff related exemptions so, and 11 12 that's one of the issues and one of the concerns. 13 We have departed too far away from the departing 14 load issue. 15 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Yeah. I know that 16 we've always kind of danced around the issue of a catchall exemption form and there's some concerns 17 18 that we'll have in terms of being able to approve 19 that or whatnot because the other areas are clearly outside of the realm of what we're trying 20 to do here but to the extent that there is an 21

part 8 there is a question in terms of, you know,

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as far as what the utility fills out as far as

categorization and what you have classified under

1 exemption information goes beyond just our stuff

- 2 so that's something that the utilities not going
- 3 to -- the customer is not going to complete anyway
- 4 so whether you have it in there or not we can
- 5 debate I suppose.
- 6 MR. HANSON: Doug Hanson, San Diego Gas and
- 7 Electric.
- 8 Comment about the nature of the form itself.
- 9 I was under the impression that we would be
- 10 complying with PUC rules by filing this form
- 11 ultimately with the CPUC to give SDG&E the
- 12 authority to use it with a customer because there
- are requirements within PU Code that any forms
- 14 used with a customer be filed and approved by the
- division, the CPUC. And I didn't want to see us
- 16 running afoul of these regs.
- 17 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: When you're saying --
- does it have to be on file with the PUC or it has
- to be approved by the PUC?
- MR. HANSON: Actually, it has to be approved.
- 21 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 22 And so by nature of the relationship between
- 23 RO and RO 201 0 and 1, does that give us de facto
- 24 authority to create that form on their behalf?
- MR. HANSON: The way I was interpreting how

this process would work was that the form would be

- 2 a form that would be acceptable to the CEC and we
- 3 would file it with the PUC and they'd go --
- 4 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 5 MR. HANSON: -- through an advice letter
- 6 process.
- 7 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 8 MR. HANSON: I don't see any reason why the
- 9 PUC would do anything other than approve something
- 10 that you found useful.
- 11 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- MR. HANSON: But that's why I think
- 13 Katherine's approach of identifying it as a
- 14 specific, you know, tying it specifically to the
- decision is very appropriate because ultimately
- 16 what we're going to end up having to do is, you
- 17 know, use a form approved by the Commission
- 18 anyway, I think.
- 19 MS. HOUCK: For purposes of what we're doing
- 20 here in our process, we're looking at our
- 21 authority and our regulations and what we've
- 22 indicated is the Commission shall prepare a form
- 23 in conjunction with the utilities and that the
- 24 utilities could develop forms that substantially
- 25 meet the criteria set forth in Regulation section

- 1 1395.2(a) and that as long as that's approved by
- 2 this Commission, they could utilize that form to
- 3 give us the information we would need.
- 4 The decision that the PUC issued does state
- 5 we will require the utilities to provide data and
- 6 to cooperate with the CEC in this endeavor. In
- 7 addition we will request the CEC provide an
- 8 opportunity for public comment on the manner in
- 9 which it will gather information, et cetera, and
- 10 that the information is to be provided to both
- 11 commissions. So that may be another issue. We
- would want to clarify with the PUC if that's in
- 13 essence approving this or if you would need to
- 14 submit whatever form you're giving to us for
- 15 approval also to the PUC.
- 16 MR. HANSON: Another way may be to reach
- 17 compromise a little more quickly is if we could
- 18 maybe just leave a blank for in reference to a
- 19 decision and then let us fill in the blank if the
- 20 Commission were to change their decision, that way
- 21 we can comport with the form requirements yet --
- 22 and have -- maintain flexibility.
- 23 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Well, are you saying
- that, similar to what you have on a typical tariff
- sheet and have on the bottom, you have your

1 compliance new decision number with your effective

- 2 date and the like?
- 3 MR. HANSON: Right. We'll actually have that
- 4 as this --
- 5 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: As a tariff sheet.
- 6 MR. HANSON: -- will be just a file form.
- 7 It's approved here by the Commission for us to
- 8 use.
- 9 MS. HOUCK: The potential problem there is
- 10 that the form isn't being developed in conjunction
- 11 with the PUC --
- MR. HANSON: Uh-huh.
- MS. HOUCK: -- as they didn't require the
- form per their decision, we're requiring it for
- 15 our regulations.
- MR. HANSON: Correct.
- MS. HOUCK: So there may be an authority
- issue there as to whether what we're doing is
- 19 somewhat different --
- 20 MR. HANSON: Um-hum.
- MS. HOUCK: So I don't know that we would
- 22 want the form that we're preparing to have that
- 23 reference.
- MR. HANSON: But if the reference were a
- 25 reference with a blank space, then we can plug in

- on the form as we deal with each individual
- 2 customer the actual decision number. That's a way
- 3 to have us try to get to the same conclusion that
- 4 we want and perhaps satisfies your need for
- flexibility. That is all I'm suggesting.
- 6 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Yeah and the whole -- the
- 7 main premise for going about this process and in
- 8 tying it to the interconnection process or any of
- 9 these other things that are currently in play,
- 10 customers are already engaged in these things and
- 11 we wanted to make sure that to the greatest extent
- 12 possible we integrate with what's already going
- on. And we have tariffs that we're required to
- implement and administer that may or may not
- 15 provide this information, may or may not provide
- 16 you all of the information you're interested in
- 17 but it's important for us to administer our
- obligations under the departing load decision,
- 19 D030403.
- 20 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Yeah. Okay.
- I think that's something we can certainly
- 22 work out. That's more of a technical nuance than
- 23 anything else.
- MR. HANSON: I agree it is.
- 25 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: But it's appropriate

- 1 to bring it up.
- 2 MR. HANSON: I was more concerned that you
- 3 become cognizant of our perception of this as a
- 4 file form with the CPUC once the CEC and us and
- 5 the other parties have worked it out.
- 6 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Right. Okay.
- 7 And one of your suggestions is that really if
- 8 once we agree on a format, it just becomes really
- 9 an advice on our compliance issue for you in terms
- of having the PUC adopt it.
- 11 MR. HANSON: That's correct.
- 12 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 13 MR. TUNNICLIFF: All right.
- 14 Well, if you'd like we can go on to part 2.
- We're asking for generation facility location,
- 16 responsible parties. This is essentially the same
- 17 as it was the last time that, you know, we were
- 18 asking for the host customer information, contact
- information and occasionally we have applicants
- 20 that are applying for -- that are not necessarily
- 21 the ones that are responsible for paying any
- 22 utility bills, so we wanted to make sure that that
- 23 space was cleared and at least if need be we had
- 24 contact information.
- 25 Any questions? Concerns?

Going on to part 3. Description of the

- 2 generating facility. We had this type of
- 3 information somewhat -- or in three different
- 4 sections last time and what we've tried to do is
- 5 pull it together to the greatest extent possible
- 6 so we're asking for nameplate and then actually
- 7 maximum customer demand and then specifically we
- 8 had some information that was previously found in
- 9 what we referred to as part 5 that include
- 10 equipment description information which we use,
- 11 the utilities use, and to help evaluate whether or
- 12 not someone will be eligible and specifics related
- to prime mover and fuel type.
- 14 Change the format; we heard that. The
- 15 comments: the previous version was not as user
- 16 friendly as this so we're hoping this is an
- improvement.
- 18 Chuck?
- 19 MR. SOLT: I don't understand the gross
- 20 versus net nameplate. The equipment that I deal
- with has a nameplate rating, period. It doesn't
- 22 state whether it's gross or net and it doesn't
- 23 have two different ratings, a nameplate is a
- 24 nameplate. What do we mean by -- if you said
- gross or net output, that's one thing. But to say

- gross or net nameplate, I don't understand that.
- 2 MR. TUFON: My name is Chris Tufon, from
- 3 PG&E. I helped -- we worked with the joint -- the
- 4 utilities to come up with the form.
- 5 Actually we mean the gross output and the net
- 6 output.
- 7 MR. SOLT: So then you get back to the next
- 8 question is to what you mean by gross output. Are
- 9 we talking about off the generator terminals or
- 10 are you talking about the shaft power off the
- 11 engine or what? I mean, if you simply say
- nameplate and you're done with it, that's cool,
- 13 everybody can figure that out. When you start
- 14 talking about gross and net, you get into a
- 15 whole -- you have to define much more what you
- mean by those terms.
- 17 MR. TUFON: Well, generally this case would
- 18 assume that the nameplate -- what you gave in the
- 19 nameplate itself would be the gross and the net
- 20 would be minus the auxiliary loads or capacity
- loads.
- MR. SOLT: Then I would suggest you say it
- 23 that way. You say you want the nameplate of the
- 24 generating unit --
- 25 MR. TUFON: Right.

1 MR. SOLT: -- and that you want the net power

- 2 output from the generating facility.
- 3 MR. TUFON: Correct.
- 4 MR. SOLT: If you say those two things, I
- 5 think that's fairly clear.
- 6 MR. TUFON: Okay. That's good. We can make
- 7 that correction rather simply.
- 8 Okay. Thanks.
- 9 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Will you come up?
- 10 MR. ROMANOWITZ: Hal Romanowitz, Oak Creek
- 11 Energy.
- 12 Thinking of wind power installations, this
- form creates -- is misused -- the gross plus net
- 14 as you're defining it there creates issues when
- 15 you think of there will -- the typical facility
- 16 will have a number of wind generators associated
- with it replacing a single load so that where this
- is really set for a, you know, one or two
- 19 combustion turbines when you do a wind turbine
- 20 project for this sort of an application it doesn't
- 21 fit too well and if you -- you could have, for
- 22 example, the gross nameplate rating of all of the
- 23 wind turbines and then the net output would work
- 24 and if there is a project say with 20 wind
- 25 turbines it's awful tedious to list 20 different

turbines all identical, you're creating a very

- 2 bulky thing where you list it as quantity for each
- 3 turbine. That would be much better. And what you
- 4 might do is provide a block where you had the
- 5 project rating, you know, in gross nameplate and
- 6 net and then have each of the component elements
- 7 like, you know, the quantity of "X" wind turbine
- 8 with such and such a nameplate rating.
- 9 MR. TUNNICLIFF: I think that's what we
- intended with the top line, having a summary of
- 11 the whole facility and then generator specific one
- 12 two and three. I agree that if you do have 20 you
- may not want to attach 20 additional sheets and
- 14 you're talking about 20 wind turbines that are
- 15 exactly the same output, equipment descriptions
- 16 and things like that. We can probably come up
- 17 with a work-around like you're proposing. It
- doesn't seem, you know, in conflict with what
- 19 we've laid out.
- 20 MR. ROMANOWITZ: Okay.
- 21 You could utilize -- the quantity thing would
- 22 help.
- 23 Then the other thing is in fuel type. For
- 24 example, what is wind? Is it "other" or "not
- 25 applicable"?

1 MS. MANWARREN: Probably "not applicable."

- 2 MR. ROMANOWITZ: And then going one step
- 3 where you know, maybe some clarification somewhere
- 4 would be helpful. And then in a typical facility
- 5 there is -- the wind turbine would be the primary
- 6 energy and then a storage capability would be
- 7 secondary energy. That is going to consume part
- 8 of the wind turbine energy to do the firming of it
- 9 and that's not really covered in anything you have
- 10 here so that in essence to look at what you have
- 11 to do from a -- what is the impact on departing
- 12 load, it's -- you would typically have a much
- larger nameplate rating of wind turbines
- 14 associated with the smaller departing load because
- of the firming and that's not covered well here.
- 16 You know, maybe you do it with some sort of an
- 17 attached sheet to describe it or something but it
- doesn't work very well. The projects that we're
- 19 looking at, it's very hard to describe them, you
- 20 know, in these forms.
- 21 MS. MANWARREN: Could I ask for a definition
- of "firming."
- MR. ROMANOWITZ: Yes.
- When you take the energy that's produced in
- one time period and store it and deliver it in a

1 second time period which, with a wind turbine

- 2 application you need to do that in order to avoid
- demand charges so the way -- that's the way you
- 4 overcome the demand charge. So it becomes an
- 5 essential part of making these work.
- 6 MS. MANWARREN: Forgive me if I'm intervening
- 7 at the wrong time here but I think there is a
- 8 related point to what this gentleman is raising
- 9 about how these forms are set out.
- 10 When we were talking in our last workshop, we
- 11 talked about measuring the contribution to the cap
- 12 based on nameplate capacity versus departing load
- and I think that's what you're talking about here.

- 15 And Scott and Darcie, I appreciate the
- 16 changes you made in the regs to say that it would
- 17 really be the departing load itself rather than
- 18 the nameplate that would be counted and I think
- 19 that's in 1395.3(d) we made those changes. I
- 20 think the forms still don't quite accommodate that
- and the problem is that the form talks about
- 22 nameplate generating capacity in part 3 and then
- 23 it talks about customer demand but it's still not
- 24 clear exactly how these forms will translate
- 25 departing load into your regs.

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1 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: I'm sorry. I thought
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- 2 when we had discussed it we had -- well you had a
- 3 line item in there for estimated supporting load
- 4 of total hours and that was part of the solution.
- 5 I thought we were actually going to have another
- 6 box for that so you got the estimated demand and
- 7 then you also have the estimated annual kilowatt
- 8 hours that are associated with that. So at least
- 9 that's what I have in my notes from the last
- 10 meeting so if we add that back in then I think
- 11 resolve -- we don't totally resolve the issue but
- 12 at least we have the data to make that
- 13 determination at some point.
- MR. ROMANOWITZ: If you have it, then it
- should be clear that it is the departing load that
- 16 you're really dealing --
- 17 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Right.
- 18 MR. ROMANOWITZ: -- with --
- 19 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Yeah, so, Dan, if we
- 20 can add that back in at least in terms --
- 21 MR. HANSON: Doug Hanson, San Diego Gas and
- 22 Electric.
- I'm not sure that that's all that
- 24 appropriate. The reason why I say that is I think
- 25 what you need for purposes of the CEC -- and here

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1 I'm speaking what I think -- is the KW of
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- 2 reduction and load that we've heard is going to be
- 3 served by these generators. This KW, you're
- 4 supposed to come up with, you know, you're
- 5 achieving a 3,000 megawatt count so what we tried
- 6 to do, I thought, was come up with two different
- 7 sets of information here and limit ourselves down
- 8 to the two essential pieces, one is nameplate and
- 9 the other is an information regarding how much
- departing load is there involved with the project.
- 11 You have, you know, let's say 200 KW of nameplate
- but you're only going to have 150 KW departing
- load, put 150 in a second box and that's the
- 14 information you need to tally up to determine are
- you or are you not at 3,000 megawatts.
- 16 That second box is intended to provide
- information that is different than nameplate based
- upon the customers' or the project managers' best
- 19 judgment of how much load is actually going to be
- 20 served; that's what it's intended for. The
- 21 terminology may be substandard, but it is what I
- think we were attempting to do.
- MR. ROMANOWITZ: If that is what you're
- 24 doing, that was really one of the points that
- we're making and if that's the way it's used, then

that's fine. That's one of the critical elements.

- 2 But then the question is you're asking for an
- 3 enormous amount of data on each one of the
- 4 generators and sort of, why, is the -- the
- 5 pertinent information is really the amount of
- 6 departing load that's going to be served and then
- 7 the rest of it is strictly for a compliance, to
- 8 know that you have a qualifying generator.
- 9 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Right so in your
- 10 situation if you're a customer, the only thing you
- 11 really need to know is, I'm going to be -- my load
- is departing based on, this is the generating
- 13 facility that I'm using to sample the facility
- that has 20 generators on it so as the project it
- is tied into -- so I only need to submit that
- information once and I think what Dan's suggesting
- is that kind of gets you out of that problem of
- 18 having to list all 20 generators is to just say --
- 19 MR. ROMANOWITZ: Right.
- 20 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: -- here, this is the
- 21 generating project that I'm attaching my point one
- request to and, you know, there's 20 to 25 wind
- 23 turbines that are part of the project. Here's
- 24 where it is.
- MR. ROMANOWITZ: And that's the primary

1 energy and then you really don't even need to know

- 2 about secondary energy storage, you know, the
- 3 firming. That's really superfluous in a way,
- 4 really, but it's just primary energy creates
- 5 qualification.
- 6 MR. TUNNICLIFF: But this form is also
- 7 intended to -- we do have customers that apply and
- 8 install different types of hybrid systems,
- 9 microturbine and photovoltaic system or just
- internal combustion engines or whatever. You
- 11 know, so it's more than just trying to -- we don't
- often see projects -- well, why haven't seen that
- many projects with that number of generators that
- 14 are all similar. Twenty is a lot, but, you know,
- 15 that -- we should be able to accommodate that in
- 16 some way.
- MR. ROMANOWITZ: That is a real number, by
- 18 the way for a project so -- yeah.
- 19 MS. HOUCK: I can state that we didn't have
- wind farms in mind when we put this form together
- 21 but certainly is something we can allow for.
- MR. McCLARY: And in fact --
- THE REPORTER: I'm sorry. Who is speaking?
- MS. HOUCK: Please state your name.
- MR. McCLARY: Steve McClary, MRW.

1 The last workshop, I think the more general

- 2 point here -- and my recollection is the same as
- 3 yours -- of where we came out was looking for the
- 4 estimated departing load both in peak and kilowatt
- 5 hours partly because -- I'm not sure we reached
- 6 resolution on how you would be accounting for
- departing load, whether it was an annual peak, a
- 8 monthly peak, you know, annual average. There
- 9 were a lot of questions there and again I think it
- 10 was in part to get the best estimate you could of
- 11 both in order to gather the information you needed
- 12 whichever definition you ended up with for
- 13 accounting against the cap.
- MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Yeah. That's my
- 15 recollection. And also if you tie in some of the
- data collection stuff that we do with a lot of our
- 17 analytical work, we're trying to come up with a
- 18 learning curve in terms of what impact the DG
- 19 industry has and in that context it's important to
- 20 get a better understanding of the relationship
- 21 between peak demand and average demand load
- 22 factors and how it all fits in. It just does --
- 23 it does impact your forecasting capabilities and
- 24 how you deal with those things.
- MR. McCLARY: And I would think it might also

1 affect your report when you reach certain

- thresholds you report to the PUC as to, you know,
- 3 we're approaching this threshold in the cap and in
- 4 providing that information to the PUC, would you
- 5 be able to put some perspective around it like
- 6 saying how significant a load we're talking about.

- 8 MR. TUNNICLIFF: And that's the rationale for
- 9 the net output or however you want to phrase that
- or the KW. Kilowatt hours is an issue that
- 11 utilities use for billing purposes and has no real
- 12 relation to managing the cap. All applications
- 13 and interconnections, I think all three utilities
- are headed towards if they don't already do it,
- meter all of the loads produced by those
- 16 generators so the kilowatt hours is less of an
- issue.
- 18 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Right. Although I
- 19 think from the standpoint of how we interpret the
- 20 cap and what type of recommendations we make in
- 21 the future, then there's some insight that we get
- 22 by having that put on front. Part of the -- on
- the flow side concern of that is that someone
- gives you a number and then they don't operate it
- 25 that way so the number is completely irrelevant.

1 So that's the other side of the picture. But for

- 2 purposes of a starting point, to have the KWH
- 3 there as an annual estimate is probably helpful
- from our standpoint. And again, we do these
- 5 things, these policy reports on a two-year basis.
- 6 I mean, look at the Energy Action Plan. EG's
- 7 right in the middle of it and yet there is this
- 8 big, black box that, well, how are we going to
- 9 deal with it? So we want to deal with it and we
- 10 get smarter in how we factor into some of our
- 11 policy recommendations. So if we can throw that
- 12 back in there as a block to start with, I think
- that would be helpful from our standpoint, even if
- there's some areas where there might be some
- 15 concerns about how relevant it is to what's their
- 16 maximum KW demand. So it just gives us some
- 17 flexibility to do something with.
- 18 MS. MANWARREN: Just one thing I wanted to
- point to a little bit and that is if we're going
- 20 to work towards a "one form fits all" where we can
- 21 consolidate forms for both purposes to fill out
- the CPC tariff filings and to meet your
- 23 requirements for your CEC so we have for purposes
- 24 simplification and ease of use for exemptions for
- DG period, then we will need to have a little bit

1 more information on this form that won't apply to

- 2 CEC in order to make it work in both capacities.
- 4 said at the beginning I think we're heading
- 5 towards we're going to have to strip that part out
- 6 and even though there is a loss of synergy in
- 7 having one form, it's all, in terms of our
- 8 jurisdiction, if you will, for lack of a better
- 9 term, we have to focus on the CRS component. If
- 10 we start focusing on the other things, while it
- 11 make more sense "synergies" -- or whatever that
- 12 word is, it may make more logical sense looking at
- 13 the exemptions. We may have to really look at the
- 14 CRS part just by itself so that will probably take
- 15 care of some of those concerns but it does require
- 16 an additional form which -- at least we can use
- this as a basis for developing that other form.
- 18 Any other questions, comments, concerns?
- 19 Okay.
- 20 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Part 4, we have -- we had it
- in a couple two places. We combined some
- 22 additional loads. We had -- we talked about
- 23 additional loads that are served sometimes by
- 24 generating facilities to address some of the
- comments that we received when parties reply to

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1 your draft regulations, over-the-fence type
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- 2 transactions, et cetera so this section is
- 3 intended to capture that information.
- 4 MR. ROMANOWITZ: The one issue here might be
- 5 that you might have a CAL ISO interconnect
- 6 associated with some of the energy from a
- 7 particular facility, in other words a facility
- 8 might be serving a particular load and also
- 9 serving, say, you know, a CAL ISO tie point and
- 10 that really wouldn't be covered here.
- 11 MS. MANWARREN: That would be a
- 12 wholesale --
- 13 MR. TUNNICLIFF: So you're talking about like
- 14 a facility that has a wholesale CAL ISO exemption
- 15 to serve some part of their on-site load and then
- 16 also sell some wholesale; is that what you're
- 17 talking about?
- 18 MR. ROMANOWITZ: Right.
- 19 MR. TUNNICLIFF: W'd out serving off-site
- 20 load?
- 21 MR. ROMANOWITZ: Yeah. And so therefore you
- don't have really an electric service account
- 23 number.
- MS. MANWARREN: We don't consider that
- 25 departing load in this --

1 MR. ROMANOWITZ: No, it would not be a

- 2 departing load.
- 3 MR. TUNNICLIFF: And that would be reflected
- 4 in that previous section where you might have
- 5 total nameplate capacity of "X" or total capacity
- 6 and the output, the net output served on site in
- 7 KW is a smaller number in your situation or in
- 8 that type of situation.
- 9 MR. ROMANOWITZ: Yes.
- 10 MS. WESTBY: I think this section is very
- 11 confusing and I would keep going back to the same
- 12 problem. This isn't about the generating
- facility, this is about a departing load so what
- 14 relevance does an application for exemption by a
- particular departing load have to anybody else's
- 16 departing load. I just keep -- we keep focusing
- on the generating facility but this is about a
- 18 customer who has a load that is departing. It has
- 19 nothing to do with the generating facility other
- 20 than verifying that the generating facility meets
- 21 certain requirements.
- But let's assume we've got a refinery and
- 23 we've got a generating facility serving maybe
- 24 Chevron for example and one of the Air Products
- 25 companies on site. If I'm Chevron, I'm seeking my

- own exemption. I'm not seeking Air Products'
- 2 exemption; they're going to come to you separately
- 3 for their departing load exemption. So I just get
- 4 confused by the form again going to generating
- 5 facility rather than load.
- 6 MS. HOUCK: I think at the last workshop
- 7 there was an issue that was discussed regarding
- 8 potential for double counting. We want to have
- 9 one sort of side calculation that, you know, this
- is the maximum capacity that could possibly be
- 11 getting exemptions at this time because we have
- 12 the numbers of what that actual generating
- 13 capacity is but then we have the number of what's
- 14 actually departing which would recede the
- 15 exemptions and make sure that those numbers are
- 16 within what that full generating capacity is, if
- 17 that makes sense. I think there was some concern
- about making sure that we were keeping track of
- 19 where the load was coming from.
- 20 MR. TUNNICLIFF: That was the intent and we
- 21 did have quite a big discussion about that and
- 22 those were some of the comments that Nestle was
- 23 bringing up in some of their original comments
- 24 about their ability to serve over-the-fence or
- other loads other than what they had at their

- 1 facility, so.
- 2 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Steve, do you have
- 3 any thoughts on that?
- 4 MR. McCLARY: Well, we did discuss it last
- 5 time and I would -- I don't know how much time
- 6 we'd want to spend pursuing it. I think
- 7 ultimately I did think we came at least in part to
- 8 the conclusion as other customers -- if they are
- 9 going to get exemption from exit fees for some
- 10 part of their loan which is because it's departing
- load, they're going to have to apply it for that
- 12 somehow and that's where you would track it rather
- than putting a generator facility here, someone
- who's applying for their own departing loan
- 15 exemption in the position of being sort of an
- 16 agent of the utility and tracking over-the-fence
- loads.
- Now I recognize that part of the problem was,
- 19 and the utilities were clear on this, that they
- 20 don't actually have a very good or a very -- they
- 21 don't have a high degree of confidence in their
- 22 ability to track those kinds of over-the-fence
- loads and the way that they go away which, you
- 24 know, is -- is a problem both for your accounting
- in how much departing load there is and for the

1 utility. I'm just reluctant to see someone who is

- 2 in the process of putting a generating facility in
- 3 put into the position of an agent of the utility
- 4 in solving that problem.
- Maybe, and I thought, actually, that where we
- 6 ended up was in having the full nameplate capacity
- 7 of the generating facility and the estimate of
- 8 this customer's departing load you would have at
- 9 least some indication of, you know, what's the
- 10 rest of this load and maybe the way to go is to
- 11 have here -- indicate whether the remainder of
- 12 that output is expected to be not utilized,
- whether it is going to wholesale loads or whether
- goes to retail loads. And then you've got some
- 15 estimate of how much departing load might be
- 16 associated with that facility without the
- 17 generator being put in the position of tagging
- loads that they may not be that familiar with,
- 19 they may not -- you know, the customer, Air
- 20 Products in your example, might not want to share
- 21 a lot of detail, might not want to give electric
- 22 bills to Chevron for Chevron to then pass on to
- 23 the utility.
- 24 I think this level of intervention by the
- 25 generating facility operator is problematic.

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1 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: So you're making a
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- 2 point to not even have this in there entirely.
- 3 MR. McCLARY: That would be our preference,
- 4 yeah.
- 5 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 6 And now from your perspective, this
- 7 information should flow out of their -- I mean,
- 8 there's got to be some connection between a
- 9 project and the fact that, you know, there's going
- 10 to be some sort of over-the-fence transaction
- that's going to occur; wouldn't that be the case,
- 12 or is it even relevant?
- 13 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Jerry?
- 14 Jerry works in our QF department and manages
- 15 Southern California Edison's --
- 16 MR. TORRIBIO: Jerry Torribio, Southern
- 17 California Edison.
- Just a point on the hypothetical over-the-
- 19 fence transaction. Normally that would have to
- 20 pop up during the interconnection process for
- 21 generator A because the way the interconnection is
- done has a safety and system operation
- 23 implications both for customer A and customer B so
- it does surface then. I don't think it would work
- within Rule 21 to have a silent or a secret, let's

1 say confidential over-the-fence transaction if

- 2 that other customer intends to remain connected to
- 3 the grid.
- 4 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 5 So in the case of this particular form then,
- 6 what it sounds like, what's emerging here is that
- 7 this really isn't necessary and in terms of doing
- 8 that it goes back to the question, what's the
- 9 minimum information we need to make the
- 10 determination about whether a project is a real
- 11 project and be eligible for CRS exemption. And
- 12 this part would not be relevant --
- 13 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Well, I really don't know
- 14 how you would manage the cap if you were applying
- and having a party that's being served over the
- 16 fence by this generating facility. I don't know
- how they would fill out this application because I
- don't have any specifics about the type of
- 19 application or what type of exemptions they're
- applying for. Do they know if it's a co-gen? Do
- 21 they know if it's another generator? What
- 22 application or what category are they going to fit
- 23 into unless the person that owns the generating
- 24 facility actually fills this out.
- MR. McCLARY: Well, getting department load

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1 exemptions and they got to apply for that and then

- 2 you know how much departing load is applying for
- 3 in getting exemptions. The generating facility
- 4 isn't getting that department load exemption.
- 5 MR. TUNNICLIFF: But where are they going to
- 6 get the efficiency numbers to qualify for a 372
- 7 CTC exemption if that's what they're going for?
- 8 MR. McCLARY: The third party that would be
- 9 applying for it --
- 10 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Right.
- MR. McCLARY: We might need to have a process
- for them to refer to a previously certified
- 13 facility as the source power that -- making their
- load eligible as departing load. But the
- 15 generating operator -- the generator operator
- doesn't seem to me to be the right place for that.

- 18 MR. TUNNICLIFF: It's not --
- 19 MR. McCLARY: It isn't starting load until
- 20 somebody's getting an exemption for it for
- 21 purposes of your accounting against the cap.
- 22 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 23 So suppose we didn't have this in here.
- What's the implication? Someone applies for an
- 25 exemption and they're in their 10 megawatt

1 facility and they indicate that their maximum

- demands would be five megawatts and so they apply
- 3 for the five megawatt exemption. So you know that
- 4 a portion of that -- say if the rest of that is
- 5 going somewhere else and no one applies for it,
- 6 well, you're not double counting, are you, in that
- 7 case? What situation would you get into where
- 8 you're double counting by virtue of not having
- 9 this information available?
- 10 MS. TESSLER: I think it's undercounting
- 11 because if the customer doesn't have any incentive
- to apply for exemption, they just won't pay it.
- 13 They won't get the bill because they're not using
- 14 the energy. I think we talked about this last
- 15 time.
- MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: We're distinguishing
- between a customer and customer generator.
- 18 MS. TESSLER: I'm talking about an over-the-
- 19 fence transaction. If we don't find out somehow -
- 20 and I thought it was in a later section actually
- 21 where they mentioned who else is going to be
- 22 supplied energy from this installation without
- getting into details just so it's a flag for you
- and utility that there is a condition on the part
- of both otherwise there is no incentive for the

1 customer to raise their hand and say, I'm applying

- for exemptions; isn't that right? Isn't there a
- 3 section later -- additional loads, part 4?
- 4 MR. TUNNICLIFF: That's the part we're on.
- 5 MS. TESSLER: Right. And I'm saying
- 6 that's --
- 7 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay, so assuming
- 8 this is in here, and I'm still in here, and the
- 9 customer has no knowledge of what the generator is
- 10 going to do because they don't really care,
- 11 they're going to check -- they're not the owner-
- 12 operator and the general facility has no knowledge
- of energy delivery and the rest is NA as far as
- they're concerned. Isn't that's one possible
- 15 outcome. So if you -- so I guess the concern is
- that, okay, well if you're a generating facility,
- 17 what do they need to provide us to know that we're
- not double counting on an exemption request. So
- if they say they're claiming as a customer
- 20 generator, a 10-megawatt facility, they're
- 21 claiming 10 megawatts and yet they are selling
- some of that power off line, what are they going
- 23 to get an exemption for? What it does is it skews
- 24 -- essentially skews the cap. It doesn't skew
- what they're going to get because it's all based

on what the tariff was anyway, it's all based on

- 2 the end of the day.
- 3 MS. WESTBY: Yeah. And I was going to say if
- 4 you've got a load on your system and departs, your
- 5 customer rep knows it's departed. It's not a
- 6 secret. You know, you've got a meter and if the
- 7 meter's reduced then PG&E can't tell if there's a
- 8 problem. And that happens today under 372.
- 9 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Carolyn, you had a
- 10 question?
- 11 MS. KEHREIN: Carolyn Kehrein, EMS.
- 12 There are two points being raised to yours as
- far as how do you keep from double counting. On
- 14 part 2 it says generation facility location and if
- 15 I was buying over the fence from somebody, maybe
- 16 we need to add a section there. Like somebody was
- 17 saying, you know, just reference a previously
- 18 filed application. So, you know, let's say that -
- excuse me -- Nestle puts in a generator and
- they're going to sell to ABC Manufacturing.
- 21 Nestle does all the work on the generator. Then
- 22 when ABC wants to put it in, ABC puts in its form
- and where it says, facility name, it's the Nestle
- 24 facility with a Nestle application number or
- 25 however we're going to keep track and then you

just go back to the Nestle application to see that

- 2 whether or not it's met the requirement.
- 3 So it does two things. It makes sure that
- 4 the generator actually applicable and then also
- 5 allows you to make sure you're not double
- 6 counting. So that was my thought on this issue.
- 7 On the other issue that PG&E raised, my
- 8 response is very similar to Eddie's which is
- 9 that's a problem that exists right now, it gets
- 10 resolved right now, it's not a new problem so why
- 11 are we trying to address it with this form? You
- 12 know, it's like having said, the load disappears,
- 13 you know and -- we aren't trying to resolve
- existing problems with this form. This is
- 15 specific to this situation.
- MS. MANWARREN: I'd like to answer that.
- 17 That's part of a problem is that if you have a
- 18 customer B that's going to take power from
- 19 generator A, there's no incentive there for them
- 20 to provide any information to the utility that
- 21 they're taking over the fence. That is a problem
- and that's why, as you say, we have a problem.
- We're trying to capture that information because
- 24 the likely place of getting it is from the
- 25 generator, not from the customer taking the

1 service over the fence. It just doesn't happen

- 2 that often.
- 3 MS. KEHREIN: Carolyn Kehrein again.
- 4 Two things. First thing is you're saying if
- 5 that situation exists, it currently exists. It's
- 6 not new to this and there's a way, like Eddie
- 7 said, the account reps know it. That's the first
- 8 part.
- 9 The second one is that I'm not sure exactly
- 10 how the CPUC rules are written but I assume it
- would be against the rules for somebody to depart
- 12 without telling the utility and so in that case
- they're violating a rule that exists somewhere
- 14 else and we don't need to be policing that rule
- 15 here. It's -- it's a separate issue to what we're
- 16 trying to do here.
- 17 MR. McCLARY: In the course of this
- 18 discussion one other point that occurs to me
- 19 that's again, maybe problematic for the
- 20 Commission, is if you imagine this kind of an
- 21 approach, the generator files this and says, well,
- there's five megawatts of departing load on my
- 23 side and two and a half megawatts of departing
- load over the fence and ultimately there's a
- 25 disagreement between the utility and the two and a

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- that's departing load, whether it is exempt or not
- and ultimately they don't get the exemption. How
- 4 do you know what you're supposed to be counting
- 5 against the cap? You know, if there's some lack
- of clarity about these over-the-fence loads, it
- 7 seems to me from your point of view you want to be
- 8 able to track those loads whether they're over the
- 9 fence or not that are actually seeking the
- 10 exemption, not those loads that the generator
- 11 thinks will seek exemption from the exit fee.
- MS. MANWARREN: Good point.
- MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: We'll have to get you
- 14 your own mike.
- MR. ROMANOWITZ: Yeah, sorry. There's a line
- 16 here. Just two real quick comments.
- I think it's really crucial that this form
- not have information that is hard to get or might
- 19 be controversial because it's going to delay the
- 20 processing of the application and that holds
- 21 something that should be up in the cue, out of the
- cue. So that's actually got pretty major
- 23 implications.
- 24 And secondly the -- if you look at it from
- 25 the standpoint of the departing load, who is

applying for the exemption, he gets himself in the

- 2 cue and if his friend down the street who is also
- 3 getting the departing load doesn't apply, he
- 4 doesn't get the exemption and if he misses out on
- 5 the cue, then he's out of luck. And sooner or
- 6 later he's going to be found out and I've never
- 7 seen a utility yet who is not bashful about going
- 8 back for anything they find out about, you know,
- 9 later on. So, I think, you know, the risk is
- 10 there and they're going to be -- it's covered. So
- 11 we shouldn't penalize somebody who's applying to
- try and identify other things and get into a
- 13 controversial situation.
- 14 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 15 Doug?
- MR. HANSON: Doug Hanson, PG&E.
- 17 The question that I would pose to you is do
- 18 you want to capture the amount of megawatts that
- is not paying CRS or do you want to capture the
- 20 amount of load that has applied for and received
- 21 an exemption by you? That's two different issues.
- 22 Part 4 is geared to help you capture how much is
- 23 not paying CRS as opposed to capturing how much
- has applied to you to be exempt from CRS. Which
- one of those two matters to you?

MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: In the context of
this proceeding I don't think that we're -- we're
just interested in making sure we're accounting
for those who are applying for it and to make sure

6 counting or more people are applying for the same

that we're not in a situation where there's double

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I think, and correct me if I'm wrong, I think we get that in the context of part 3 where we described the generating facilities. So you've got the nameplate ratings, you know the capacity of the generating facility, you know through these applications what the aggregate total is of all the exemption requests that are attached to a particular generating unit. If that's -- if that number exceeds the nameplate capacity, short of this peak demand stuff makes the calculation a little bit more nebulous. Then we may have a problem. And that's -- what we have to make sure is we are not overapplying the cap. Load is being underapplied because customers aren't choosing it. It's the customers' choice to make that and so by virtue of them not making it doesn't affect our cap. By virtue of them making this decision does. And so we want to make sure that when they make

the decision to request the CRS exemption thereby

- 2 affect what's in the cap, we want to make sure
- 3 that that cap is as accurate as possible.
- 4 If someone chooses not to apply, that's
- 5 another issue.
- 6 MR. HANSON: I guess I was not sufficiently
- 7 clear. A customer has the potential in an over-
- 8 the-fence transaction, if not captured and
- 9 identified, to effectively not pay the CRS without
- 10 the utility or you knowing unless you have a form
- 11 ask for it. If they don't pay for CRS, to you is
- that relevant or not in administering the cap.
- MS. HOUCK: Well, if they're not paying for
- it and they haven't applied for it and they're not
- doing it by following the rules and regulations,
- 16 technically they would be required to pay that so
- once the utilities finds out they had not been
- 18 paying it they could back charge them those
- 19 charges if they haven't been approved through our
- 20 Commission so technically for our purposes they
- 21 wouldn't be included in the count unless they've
- 22 applied.
- 23 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: So what we have here
- is the existing rules and regulations that you
- abide by now. You would go out to those customers

1 anyway in other forums so those existing rules

- 2 would apply there so we don't have to create
- 3 another hurdle that way -- well, potentially
- 4 provide some of that information but at least in
- 5 the scope of minimum information we need for the
- 6 exemption, that's where we want to focus our
- 7 attention. So yeah, the information will be good
- 8 but not for purposes of this.
- 9 MR. HANSON: Okay. Just wanted to make sure
- 10 that I vented that question.
- 11 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Sure.
- 12 MR. TORRIBIO: Jerry Torribio, SDE.
- Just to comment, I'm not so sure about the
- 14 all-knowing nature of account representatives.
- 15 I'll give you an example, let's say like all of
- 16 the Air Products load goes away. After a certain
- 17 point I think the utility would pick up on that,
- but smaller generation, smaller projects, changes
- in load can get lost in the noise of changes and
- 20 business operation of customer B, observation,
- 21 what have you. We have a very clear legal
- definition of departing load, at least in tariffs,
- 23 maybe not in our glossary but I would just put in
- 24 a plea not to defer any type of information
- 25 gathering on this to the vast body of rules and

- 1 the ability of utilities to find out about it
- later because there's a lot of other issues that
- 3 are being dealt with account representatives and
- 4 believe it or not I don't think we have a big
- 5 board with people watching every customer and
- 6 every time consumption falls in a month assuming
- 7 that load is recorded for them there are those
- 8 fluctuations.
- 9 MR. TUNNICLIFF: And with Southern California
- 10 Edison in our major customer division we had
- 11 assigned account representatives that managed the
- 12 top 47 hundred or so -- 48 hundred customers meet
- the definition of having assigned account
- 14 representatives. That leaves the remainder of our
- accounts -- we have about 280,000 accounts that
- are greater than 20 KW, from 20 to 200 KW -- that
- 17 are unassigned. Those customers do have potential
- for putting in generation and doing things as well
- so I just wanted to make that point from a point
- 20 earlier.
- 21 MS. MANWARREN: I'd like to just throw one by
- 22 and that is that I hear what you are saying about
- 23 you don't want generators to be doing utilities
- 24 business as far as gathering information about
- over the fence. It's a good point. However,

- 1 we're very limited in how we can get that
- 2 information. So if there can be but, you know, if
- 3 you have a better suggestion for that, let us know
- 4 because in the real world we don't get that
- 5 information a large majority of the time and there
- is a potential for, and I hate to use the word,
- 7 but it's pretty common, its gaming the system. We
- 8 want to avoid that in the future.
- 9 MS. WESTBY: And my point was only that this
- isn't the place to police your problems with
- 11 departing load and nor are you asking the
- generator to provide its load, you're asking one
- 13 customer to guess who its generator is going to be
- 14 serving. One customer for another customer's
- information and that's inappropriate in my mind.
- 16 It's not the generator doing this form, it's the
- 17 customer.
- MS. MANWARREN: You're over-the-fence
- 19 customer will be your customer of record at that
- 20 point; correct, as generators?
- 21 MS. WESTBY: It's not the generator filling
- out the form, it's the departing load who will be
- 23 responsible for getting the exemption. So in a
- 24 case where you have ownership on site of a
- generating facility and let's say you have an on-

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- 2 facility, let's take those three facilities.
- 3 Let's say there is unrelated ownership of all
- 4 three facilities.
- 5 MS. MANWARREN: Okay.
- 6 MS. WESTBY: Okay.
- 7 MS. MANWARREN: Unaffiliated?
- 8 MS. WESTBY: Yeah, unaffiliated.
- 9 Then I am the customer load and I'm going to
- 10 seek an exemption from Scott and it's me applying
- 11 for the exemption and you're asking me to give
- information on another customer. I'm not the
- generator, I'm a customer receiving service from a
- 14 particular generator so I don't think it's fair to
- ask me as a customer to give you information about
- 16 another customer who may be served by the same
- 17 generator. That's my point.
- MS. MANWARREN: Point made.
- 19 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 20 Chris, you want -- before you get chastised
- 21 to come up to the mike.
- MR. TUFON: Chris Tufon, PG&E.
- Just the one comment that the gentleman made
- 24 about utilities not being bashful about billing
- 25 back, that's true. And we also credit back when

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1 necessary so -- just to keep the record straight.
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- 2 I have actually gone back and credited customers
- 3 with three years because we've made some errors,
- 4 you know, and we like to do that.
- 5 But now back to departing load. In PG&E's
- 6 service storage area we find a whole lot of
- 7 customers that left the system. We find out
- 8 sometimes three years later when we go to a
- 9 conference or we're talking and then the customer
- 10 says, well, by the ways would that -- just
- inadvertently don't tell us. That's how we find
- out most of the time and sometimes it's kind of
- 13 late.
- 14 We're really urging you guys to come up with
- 15 some -- I mean just help us out here. Because
- it's something that the system has gained a lot.
- 17 Customers never volunteer to tell the utilities
- when they leave the system so if there's a way --
- 19 we need solutions that -- you can help.
- We thought part 4 would be a really nice way
- 21 to deal with this problem but I find we're getting
- 22 some resistance.
- 23 MR. HANSON: One thing I had said earlier in
- 24 a different context was that on these over-the-
- 25 fence transactions they have implications for the

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- 2 application was tied with and simultaneous with
- 3 the interconnection application then I think this
- 4 might not be an issue. Everybody would be
- 5 together and we would know that there was an over-
- 6 the-fence situation, the utilities could make an
- 7 approach to the other customer to find out that
- 8 they think they need to know. But I think we have
- 9 by choice already decided that we don't want the
- 10 exemption application to be tied to the schedule
- and pace of the interconnection application so
- maybe the people that had the concern about
- 13 getting to disclose information about other
- 14 customers, maybe they could suggest an alternative
- 15 that involves at least giving some indication that
- 16 this is going to be part of the -- some sort of a
- 17 flag rather than just -- no mention of -- I'm not
- sure what the suggestion is for a change here, but
- 19 that would be helpful. Just keep in mind that we
- won't be seeing the interconnection applications
- 21 necessarily at the time these exemption forms come
- 22 in.
- 23 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: But is it important
- 24 to have that information at the time of the
- 25 interconnection application or is -- I mean, if

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1 you don't have this information up front here, is
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- 2 it necessarily problematic from the standpoint of
- 3 trying to take over-the-fence transactions?
- 4 MR. HANSON: Well, when we get an
- 5 interconnection application it's even more just a
- 6 matter of system integrity. We would like to see
- 7 identified on the electrical schematics and other
- 8 information that's provided to us if there is this
- 9 electrical connection that goes through another
- 10 customer and perhaps ultimately to another utility
- 11 point of service. So from a technical point of
- 12 view we want to know about it and --
- 13 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: And the basic
- 14 question is is this the right form to do that.
- 15 That's probably what it comes down to. When we're
- 16 looking at what is -- again, going back to the,
- 17 what's minimum amount of information to determine
- 18 a CRS exemption. Do you need this? Probably not.
- 19 Do you need it for other things to make sure that
- 20 certain things aren't coming on? Probably. So
- 21 this is probably, stick it in here, or probably
- 22 not stick it in here is probably what we're coming
- down to.
- MR. HANSON: It may go back to the question
- 25 that the gentleman from San Diego Gas and Electric

1 brought up, do you -- does the Energy Commission

- 2 just want to know who has applied for an exemption
- 3 or how many megawatts or perhaps more extensive
- 4 knowledge about who's not paying the exemption and
- 5 I can -- that's a question to be answered.
- 6 Going back to the Commission decision, the
- 7 whole mechanism of caps seems to be or I would
- 8 submit that it is designed to set some limits,
- 9 some boundary on the number of megawatts to the
- amount of departing load that will be exempt. So
- 11 by implication the decision did not exempt all
- departing loads so somewhere between the two
- 13 agencies I would think there would be an interest
- in knowing how much departing load was not
- 15 capturing the charges of the CRS.
- 16 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 17 What we can do as we work through this, I
- 18 think what we should do is we should raise it to a
- 19 rules committee and get their perspective on that.
- 20 We can also address that issue with the PUC at
- 21 least in terms of -- the point's well taken, at
- least in terms of potentially what value the
- 23 information has, whether it belongs here is a
- 24 really the question and once we resolve that
- 25 question, then we can can kind of move on to say,

okay, how do you deal with this issue whether it's

- 2 here or somewhere else.
- 3 Why don't we leave it at that. We're going
- 4 to try and brief our committee this week and bring
- 5 them up to speed on some of this stuff and we can
- 6 address further during the September 24th.
- 7 I appreciate your comments.
- 8 We'll go on.
- 9 MS. MANWARREN: Well, I just want to go in
- one more thing on this and then I'll get off it.
- 11 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay. Sidebar.
- 12 Sidebar comment. Okay.
- MS. MANWARREN: Okay.
- 14 Basically, just thinking about everybody's
- 15 comments and everybody's concern. The utilities
- 16 mandated work with the CEC to come up with
- 17 solutions. Part of what we're also mandated with
- is understanding that there is no unnecessary cost
- 19 shifting for these fees which is already happening
- 20 by a lot of these exemptions that are being handed
- 21 out. We have to make sure -- these fees have to
- 22 come from a pot from somewhere and if the proper
- 23 people are not getting these -- that are getting
- 24 these exemptions that should not be getting these
- 25 exemptions, the utilities have a concern and a

1 compliance issue. If a generator is, as a side,

- 2 generating 10 megawatts, then based on nameplate
- 3 capacity, that's information the CEC is basing
- 4 their exemptions on. If, however, they are
- 5 generating -- and this is up for argument. I
- 6 understand that. If in fact the load -- the base
- 7 load is five megawatts and that is what the
- 8 utilities are going to bill them on and grant
- 9 their exemptions separate from the cap, that's a
- 10 discrepancy. That's a five megawatt load
- 11 discrepancy that could potentially be over the
- 12 fence. So it gets very complicated and we're
- trying to provide a mechanism to capture that
- 14 information and be as -- the least burdensome as
- possible but we have an interest in knowing where
- 16 these exemptions are going.
- 17 End of comment.
- 18 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 19 MS. WESTBY: And unfortunately if we're going
- 20 to keep going, I have to provide my last comment
- 21 which is, I'm a lawyer and I sit and I think, what
- do these forms mean for my client. And if I have
- one client obligated under a form, under
- 24 regulations, to report on its neighbors, I have a
- 25 problem with that from a legal perspective.

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- 2 generator is serving and I've filled out the form
- and not put anyone's name in there? What if I put
- 4 the wrong meeting account? What if I've given you
- 5 the information incorrectly. These forms
- 6 undoubtedly since they are under regulation will
- 7 be somehow under the CEC penalty scheme for
- 8 reporting, I'm sure, and I don't want to get in a
- 9 situation where I'm bound to report on my
- 10 neighbors and subject to penalty if I misreport.
- 11 MS. MANWARREN: Understood.
- MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: No more comments.
- MR. TUNNICLIFF: You need a gavel.
- MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay. Part 5.
- 15 Back to you, Dan.
- 16 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Are you planning on plugging
- 17 through and finish -- how quickly?
- 18 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: I think we can finish
- 19 within a half an hour.
- 20 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Okay.
- 21 Part 5 has not changed substantially since
- 22 the last time. We still believe that we -- this
- is the type of information that the utilities need
- 24 to provide and provisionally categorize these
- 25 projects.

1 What we've done is we've moved a section that

- 2 followed this, I believe it was the following
- 3 section but later on in the application it talks
- 4 about the conditions that need to be met before
- 5 final categorization could be granted so this
- 6 hasn't changed since last time.
- 7 MR. DUGGAN: Kevin Duggan from Capstone
- 8 Turbine Corporation.
- 9 The issue I have with this is the first of
- 10 the points on part 5 which requires some forms to
- 11 be submitted to comply with the requirement that
- 12 you are eligible for financial incentives. Now
- 13 eligible for financial incentives doesn't mean
- that you will receive a financial incentive, yet
- those forms indicate that you are about to receive
- 16 a financial incentive. In fact, the decision
- 17 refers to eligible for financial incentives, but
- also to clarify the point that I'm making in the
- decision itself there are places that refers to
- 20 eligible for incentive programs and things like --
- 21 I think words of that nature.
- 22 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Yeah.
- MR. DUGGAN: So it's not really saying -- so
- 24 what you could say is that the forms you've got
- 25 listed there sufficient to demonstrate your

1 eligibility but they are not necessary. You can

- 2 in fact demonstrate eligibility for those
- 3 exemption by demonstrating that you would meet the
- 4 eligibility criteria for the -- for example, the
- 5 CPUC program without necessarily receiving
- 6 incentives. There are a number of reasons you may
- 7 be eligible but not receive the incentive.
- 8 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Yeah, we addressed that and
- 9 we spent some time talking about that last time
- and we do agree that some projects may not -- may
- 11 be eligible but for reasons that you've exceeded
- or that the funding levels have been capped out
- for the year that the -- other than that the
- 14 project would have been eligible.
- One of the things we felt was definitely
- 16 necessary was tying it to some definite step in
- 17 the self-gen incentive program process. For San
- 18 Diego Gas and Electric, for instance, they do not
- manage their own self-gen incentive programs so
- 20 they have to rely upon San Diego Regional Energy
- Office to tell them who and manage that process.
- 22 My organization in Southern California Edison, we
- 23 had a separate entity within our company that
- 24 manages the self-gen incentive program so we need
- 25 to rely upon their criteria and going through that

1 screening mechanism to determine whether or not

- 2 something is eligible. We chose that step on
- 3 reservation confirmation incentive for
- 4 illustrating that eligibility.
- 5 MR. DUGGAN: So I'm still not clear as to
- 6 exactly what that means. Are you saying that this
- 7 is illustrative only and there are other ways of
- 8 complying? That there would be other forms that
- 9 could be used or other things --
- 10 MR. TUNNICLIFF: No, I'm not saying that.
- 11 I'm saying that we don't manage a self-gen
- incentive program and the criteria that they -- we
- 13 -- the utilities or who would be managing this
- 14 process, this application process or the
- interconnection process, do not manage a self-gen
- incentive program. So those self-gen incentive
- 17 program administrators determine eligibility. We
- 18 could go through the numbers but you can look at
- 19 the number of projects we've had out apply, and a
- 20 certain number do withdraw because for whatever
- 21 reason, but many of them do not make it through
- the program and do not receive incentives because
- 23 they are not eligible and we only determine that
- once they have gone through the self-gen incentive
- 25 program. So we have to tie it to some step in

- 1 their process.
- 2 MR. DUGGAN: You mentioned earlier on though,
- 3 and with the exception of potentially the gas
- 4 company which I think is just about out of money,
- 5 at least some levels -- the others have got money,
- 6 but there is the situation where an applicant may
- 7 be eligible for the program but not receive the
- 8 incentive and not therefore receive the final
- 9 forms. And it's in those situations that I'm most
- 10 concerned about. That that applicant, I believe,
- is eligible for the exemption according to the
- 12 departing load charges that may in fact not be
- able to supply the forms that this form requires
- 14 to demonstrate that eligibility. And I'm not too
- 15 sure how to address that except to say that what
- 16 may be appropriate is that the application for an
- incentive may need to be filed with you guys or
- with somebody who can then eventually submit it
- with the incentive program folks and that they
- then respond with a statement of eligibile or not
- 21 eligible, not necessarily a statement of financial
- 22 incentives awarded.
- 23 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: So you're looking
- 24 for -- are you looking just in this specific
- example of the program is overprescribed but you

1 can submit the things in short of -- short of the

- 2 fact that there isn't any available funding for
- 3 that particular incentive, the application would
- 4 at least be processed essentially.
- 5 MR. DUGGAN: That's one situation whereby the
- 6 applicant may be eligible for funding but does not
- 7 get funded. There are other situations that limit
- 8 their eligibility for funding. In the handbook on
- 9 the program there is a section and chapter that
- 10 deals with the eligibility criteria. And then
- there's another chapter that places some financial
- 12 parameter or constraints around whether they
- actually get money or not. One of them is whether
- there is enough money in the fund and another is
- 15 whether they have exceeded their allowance for the
- 16 year for that individual customer, where there's a
- 17 corporate cap, I think.
- 18 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Well if they exceed the
- 19 corporate cap, they wouldn't be eligible.
- MS. MANWARREN: For that year.
- 21 MR. DUGGAN: That's right. But that
- 22 restriction is placed in -- is not part of the
- 23 eligibility criteria within the handbook, that's
- in another part of the program.
- 25 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Are you saying like if they

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1 reach their corporate limit for that year but they

- 2 may have still their overall limit of five
- 3 megawatts or --
- 4 MR. DUGGAN: I'm not really saying that at
- 5 all. I'm saying that the corporate cap is in the
- 6 same category of constraints on the program as the
- 7 overall financial cap and that within the handbook
- 8 when they define the program, they have a list of
- 9 eligibility criteria which define eligibility for
- 10 a financial incentive on the one hand and then in
- another chapter in that book they have another set
- of criteria which includes the available -- the
- 13 caps, the availability of funds and this -- I
- think there's three of them in total but I don't
- 15 recall them all but they are elsewhere.
- 16 And I think what we're doing here is -- and I
- 17 think what the decision is saying is eligibility
- for financial incentive which I will interpret to
- mean that you meet the eligibility criteria as
- 20 listed in their program.
- 21 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Now, Kevin, are you
- 22 suggesting -- is taking that one step further,
- 23 you're not -- it doesn't sound like you're
- 24 suggesting that. You take that eligibility notion
- one step further then if you have any unit it

doesn't even submit an application, say, for

- 2 example, you think now you're running something
- 3 that's eligible for level 3 or level 2 or
- 4 whatever, but you choose not to submit that. When
- 5 that application for an exemption comes our way,
- 6 is there any suggestion that that should also be
- 7 considered eligible or does it have to be some
- 8 sort of paperwork? I understand you established a
- 9 connection between submitting the application and
- 10 getting reservation confirmation or submitting the
- 11 application and getting some confirmation that it,
- 12 well, fundings have already been exhausted but you
- would have been eligible for all practical
- 14 purposes.
- Then there's this third pot that you've got
- 16 just kind of sitting anywhere in California that
- 17 would be technically eligible for funding under
- this but we're not going to go ahead and apply it
- 19 and that still becomes a criteria for being
- 20 eligible. You're not suggesting that; are you?
- 21 MR. DUGGAN: Well, yes and no. I don't think
- 22 you can just say I've got -- that third category
- 23 you have to provide evidence that that third
- 24 category of technology is eligible for a program
- and to do that you will be forced back in the

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1 second category you described which is --
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- 2 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Submitting
- 3 something --
- 4 MR. DUGGAN: Yeah, submitting something. And
- 5 I'm not clear on what you submitted except that
- 6 you probably submit the application form to the
- 7 utility saying I'm exempt from these departing
- 8 load charges because I am eligible for an
- 9 incentive program and this is my data sheet that
- shows my project is eligible for the exemption.
- 11 And then it -- the -- I guess the tariff folks or
- 12 whoever deals with this in the utility would want
- to pass it on to their incentive program folks to
- 14 get down to action.
- MR. TUNNICLIFF: The reason for putting, you
- 16 know, tying it to this level, or this stuff is
- 17 you're going -- if your in a self-gen program or
- seeking eligibility for that program you're going
- 19 to go through whatever utilities self-gen
- 20 incentive program -- if there's another iteration,
- 21 the Commission could designate and open it up to
- other people that wanted to administer self-gen
- incentive programs. No one knows what's going to
- happen to that program later on but it's
- definitely going to go through a different process

- 1 other than this so tying it to the self-gen
- 2 incentive program administrator saying, yes this
- 3 program or project is eligible, that's what we're
- 4 relying on because they do all the analysis, they
- 5 do all the verification of the equipment, they do
- 6 all of that so it just becomes a pass-through
- 7 essentially. We attach it and send it off.
- 8 MR. DUGGAN: Yeah, I'm sure that's what you
- 9 do. I'm just saying that this whole deal
- 10 literally is asking that for the reservation,
- 11 confirmation and state of claim form which as I
- 12 understand it is the form you get when you have
- 13 been awarded the financial incentive and I'm
- 14 talking about a situation where the customer for a
- 15 range of reasons may not receive that form so may
- not have it. May be eligible for the departing
- 17 load incentive but may not have received an
- incentive or never received that form.
- 19 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: So, for example, if
- 20 you struck the language and just basically said --
- 21 just changed it to say provided copy of the
- 22 application for the incentive funds, and so then
- 23 it becomes the utilities' discretion as to whether
- they say, okay, well we've got a confirmed
- 25 reservation, you're eligible, or if the funding

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issue is a problem, they can say, well, we --
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- 2 you're not eligible from a funding standpoint
- 3 based on our determination we can go ahead and say
- 4 you're eligible for purposes of meeting the CRS.
- 5 Then you'd be in good shape in that case but it
- 6 does -- it does take away one notion. The utility
- 7 can say, yeah, there's other avenues for them to
- 8 make a determination but the only thing they need
- 9 to get from you is the application for the
- 10 exemption.
- 11 MR. DUGGAN: Right.
- 12 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: The self-gen funds.
- 13 MR. DUGGAN: Right.
- 14 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Is that something
- 15 you'd be comfortable with? Are you -- what it
- does is it basically -- somebody still can say,
- 17 well, no, not eligible on that criteria based on
- 18 the application.
- 19 MR. DUGGAN: What we would want or what the
- 20 utilities I think want in that part of the
- 21 decision is eligible for the exemption. And there
- 22 may be issues and we agree that there could be
- issues that if it had not been for something
- 24 purely, you know, logistically or what have you
- 25 this technology of this generating facility would

1 be eligible. We don't know a better process or a

- 2 better step in that overall assumption instead of
- 3 a program flow diagram in which we can clearly
- 4 say, yes, they've gone through all steps. We
- 5 should be able to make some sort of concession but
- 6 I think that's the important step. It's already
- 7 been evaluated. It's already been looked at by
- 8 the program administrators as being eligible and
- 9 if it's purely related to they've be exceeded
- 10 their cap, that corporate cap or what have you for
- 11 that year, that may be something we can work
- 12 around but, you know, I think we feel pretty
- 13 strongly that this is the right step, at least our
- 14 program administrator concurred that this looked
- 15 like the right step for eligibility.
- MR. DUGGAN: Well the program administrators
- have a different objective and that's probably why
- 18 they reached their conclusion with respect to that
- 19 flow diagram. And I don't understand why you said
- 20 that you can't find in that flow diagram a better
- 21 mechanism. It's because that flow diagram was not
- 22 developed for our purpose. I think there is a
- 23 better mechanism and I think Scott described that
- 24 mechanism. There's something missing from the
- 25 flow diagram. It's not there because that diagram

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for the incentive program is not developed with
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- what we're doing here in mind and that is the step
- 3 that says, here's the certificate that says this
- 4 program is eligible and then chapter 3, is there
- 5 enough money available or other financial
- 6 constraints limiting this. That's an unnecessary
- 7 step. The financial constraint part is an
- 8 unnecessary step for achieving the requirements or
- 9 determining whether the project is or is not
- 10 exempt. And yet, this, what you've got here in
- 11 part 5, is saying you require an unnecessary step
- to be completed which is -- you did financial
- incentive. And that's what's wrong with this.
- 14 Then I think the suggestion that we will -- you
- know, when we get to a point where financial
- 16 constraint comes into place, we'll have to work it
- out from there -- it's not satisfactory.
- 18 MR. TUNNICLIFF: And it's not really
- 19 satisfactory for us to really vary from that
- 20 established program and I think it almost begs the
- 21 question to get resolution from the Commission as
- far as the term "eligibility." I think, you know,
- when that came up in the last session in which we
- 24 met, maybe last month, about what does the term
- 25 "eligibility" really mean and we really have to

defer to what the intent is and how they plan on

- 2 using the self-gen incentive program. The thing
- 3 we were trying to deal with is -- and we heard
- 4 comments early on in the first workshops, yes, the
- 5 self-gen incentive program makes sense. It's a
- 6 good model to follow for looking through,
- 7 verifying technologies, and things like that, yes,
- 8 follow that process. So by tying it to something
- 9 that's already in place, we feel that that's the
- 10 best way to do it. If you had other suggestions,
- 11 we can definitely deal with those but I think this
- is the position where we, you know, at least tie
- into this stuff right now, is where we'd like to
- 14 leave it.
- 15 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: And the only other
- logistical problem surrounding all of this is that
- 17 suppose you are not generating solely and goes
- 18 back to that customer generating solely and if a
- 19 generator is applying for an exemption can --
- 20 well, applying for financial incentives, and they
- 21 get their system operational, while the customer
- 22 then might be tying in -- but if it's a customer
- 23 generator through a connection -- if it's not a
- 24 customer generator, the customer that's tapping
- into, let's say one of Kevin's units, doesn't have

this information, doesn't have an application for

- 2 incentive on his reservation confirmation. He's
- 3 gone past that. It wasn't done with seven eleven
- 4 or something like that so you're going to have
- 5 this demarcation between what the generator
- 6 provides to the utility and what's on file with
- 7 this only one customer requesting and what the
- 8 customer actually has access to. They probably
- 9 don't have access to a lot of this information
- 10 because they are not generating solely so that
- 11 creates a little bit of a logistical paper trail
- 12 problem.
- 13 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Yeah. And I think the self-
- 14 gen incentive program is just sort of on site load
- only.
- MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: That's right. And so
- 17 to the extent that it's not going serve on site,
- 18 well it would be up to Kevin to come up with a way
- 19 to deal with that.
- 20 MR. TUNNICLIFF: And that seems like it needs
- 21 to be resolved with the CPUC because they would
- 22 not otherwise be determined or be eligible and I
- don't know that we're in a position to say, yes,
- 24 you would be eligible if it had not been for the
- 25 fact that you had served another load, other

- facility. I don't know.
- MS. MANWARREN: Not a sidebar but a comment.
- 3 For the 17.5 over-the-fence scenario of the
- 4 CTC exemption, the exemption that the generator is
- 5 granted transfers to the over-the-fence customer.
- 6 I would think that it would be the same scenario
- 7 in what we're talking about here in the CRS. So
- 8 if it could be documented that the generator is
- 9 exempt, then it necessarily following that the
- 10 over-the-fence customer is going to be exempt.
- 11 That would be my take on it.
- 12 Comments?
- 13 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: If your a customer
- 14 generator, it's no problem. Again, you get into
- 15 the situation where several customers are feeding
- into a generating facility, you tend to personify
- when a facility that's actually generating and the
- 18 customer is actually getting the financial
- benefits, if you will, of the agreement and that's
- 20 -- it's not so clear. Like Dan said, it's kind of
- 21 designed for the self-gen customer that is using
- 22 all of its load on site and then it's much more
- clean cut so you have all the paperwork so we're
- going to have to give that some thought as to how
- 25 to deal with that.

- 1 Yes?
- 2 MR. MURLEY: Clyde Murley, with Grueneich
- 3 Resource Advocates speaking on behalf of BOMA
- 4 right now.
- 5 I'd like to mostly echo Kevin Duggan's
- 6 comments and concerns. It seems to me that the
- 7 requirements of this form, if indeed it is
- 8 necessary to provide a copy of the reservation
- 9 confirmation incentive claim form in order for a
- 10 utility to deem that system to be qualified, it
- 11 strikes me as overreaching. I think if the
- 12 Commission had meant for their to be a requirement
- 13 to be receiving financial incentives under the
- 14 self-gen program it would have stated that in the
- 15 relevant order and paragraph; it did not. So I
- think it is a stretch to say that only way to
- interpret eligibility is the receipt of the
- 18 financial incentive and I think perhaps
- 19 consultation with the PUC would be appropriate
- 20 because reading the decision, the body of the
- 21 decision, I don't think that's the intent. I
- think it's clearly not the intent and I wouldn't
- 23 like to let the matter rest with the current
- 24 version of this form.
- MR. TUNNICLIFF: And the previous versions, I

- 1 think the first version that we had called out
- 2 that proof of project advancements staff where the
- 3 utility gets all the information for the customer
- 4 applying. See, that's the information you need to
- 5 determine whether or not self-gen incentive
- 6 program would be eligible, you know, actually
- 7 continue to progress and again that's -- this is
- 8 the stuff that follows after the utility or the
- 9 self-gen incentive program administrator looks
- 10 through all of that application and says, yes,
- 11 this looks eligible. So.
- 12 And I think I agree with you that we need
- 13 further clarification from the PUC as to what we
- 14 really need to do to manage that part of the
- 15 process.
- 16 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay. Any other
- 17 questions with part 5?
- 18 MR. DUGGAN: So pending that input from the
- 19 PUC on what they intended here, can we see this,
- 20 this formal future drafts of this form exclude
- 21 those two bullet points until we know what we've
- got to say there, what the PUC wants us to say
- 23 there.
- MR. TUNNICLIFF: You know, I don't know how
- 25 to necessarily respond to that because the

- 1 utilities have our responsibility to administer
- 2 our tariffs that go along with these decisions and
- 3 we're going to tie our eligibility for incentives
- 4 or eligibility for the self-gen incentive program
- 5 to the existing processes.
- 6 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Let me ask you this,
- 7 Kevin. Let me restate your question. Is it
- 8 acceptable for a customer to have those two
- 9 bullets not part of the form and have the utility
- 10 determine how they make that determination without
- 11 any clarification on the form for you.
- MR. DUGGAN: Yeah, you can take the bullets
- out and the utilities will have it in the
- 14 background as a basis for determining it. What
- 15 I'm concerned about is that from what Dan is
- 16 saying there is uncertainty about what the right
- wording is here, what the right criteria is and
- that uncertainty requires input from the Public
- 19 Utility Commission and so what I'm saying is that
- 20 given there is uncertainty and given this may not
- or may be the right wording to go here, we should
- leave it blank at this stage or say "to be
- 23 determined" rather than say this is the default
- option while we're waiting. Let's note in the
- form since we note "to be determined" rather than

1 put this language in here at this stage when it's

- 2 not determined and agreed to be the language, or
- 3 even decided by the PUC would be the appropriate
- 4 language.
- 5 MS. TESSLER: I was just going to suggest why
- 6 don't we add a third category that says "other
- 7 proof to be determined" rather than taking it out.

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- 9 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Retain this as a place
- 10 holder.
- 11 MS. TESSLER: Yes.
- 12 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Yeah the logical step --
- 13 MR. DUGGAN: For other proof to be determined?
- MS. TESSLER: Pardon?
- 15 Yeah, there's one, two things listed now so
- 16 we list a third that says "other proof to be
- 17 determined."
- 18 MR. DUGGAN: Yeah I think that works. It
- 19 sounds like that might be good.
- 20 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Because it retains that
- 21 issue that we need to clarify.
- 22 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 23 Resolution is a wonderful thing at 12:30.
- 24 Thank you.
- Okay. Moving on.

1 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Part 6. It was previously

- further back in the previous version. We moved
- 3 some information about the use of heat from the
- 4 previous part 5. We've made a few modifications
- 5 to the calculations, not in how they were
- 6 calculated but how they're laid out so as to
- 7 hopefully make it easier to complete and verify
- 8 the calculations. So --
- 9 MR. DUGGAN: At the risk of going back into
- 10 plowed grounds, if in fact a determination is in
- 11 compliance with 2007 standards is what everybody
- agrees is what we're looking for for part 6, one
- of the things you could do is add a box at the
- very top that says, "is this a certified unit" and
- if the answer is "yes," then you don't fill out
- 16 the two pages. But again, inclusion of that box -
- 17 I think the box is a real good idea, but the
- 18 point is it's a pendulum, the determination you
- 19 get.
- 20 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Do like what we did in the
- 21 previous section, maybe we put another line item
- that says something, you know, "possible
- certification, and stop here.
- MR. DUGGAN: Um-hum.
- 25 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Something like that.

1 Because I don't have any idea what that might look

- 2 like and -- okay.
- 3 MS. MANWARREN: I'd like to also point out if
- 4 I could that we're not simply talking about
- 5 category 1 here under 1 megawatt or up to a
- 6 megawatt or even 1.5. We've also got to take into
- 7 account category 2 and category 3 which would be
- 8 extremely large in size and where efficiency
- 9 becomes a major role and not just the --
- 10 MR. SOLT: And therefore they would not be a
- 11 certified unit so there's no problem there.
- 12 Certified units are only those that are so small
- 13 that they do not require permitting.
- 14 MS. MANWARREN: I understand. But we just
- 15 have to allow for the form the other scenario.
- MR. SOLT: Oh, yeah. You've got to have the
- 17 two pages, the box up at the front that says, give
- 18 your certified unit . . .
- 19 THE REPORTER: He needs to use the
- 20 microphone.
- 21 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay. Sorry.
- MR. ROMANOWITZ: Hal Romanowitz, Oak Creek
- Energy.
- 24 My point is similar also that again if you're
- 25 not operating by combustion then that should be

1 separated from those units that are operating by

- 2 combustion because if you're not operating by
- 3 combustion, then all the rest of the form gets
- 4 confusing. It's just not applicable.
- 5 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Yeah, because what you're
- 6 saying is in the definition of 353.2 definition
- 7 says generating facility or produces zero
- 8 emissions, stop. That's a line item and that
- 9 would fit your category. And then or if you
- 10 operated in the combined heat and power
- 11 combustion, you have to operate in a combined heat
- 12 and power application. "Complete the rest of this
- form." Is that what you're --
- MR. ROMANOWITZ: Right. I think actually
- 15 what you have to do is probably break it just a
- little bit differently because it's -- it produces
- zero emissions and not operating by combustion --
- 18 well, I guess there would be some -- however, but
- in any case if you're not operating by combustion,
- 20 if it's wind turbine and you didn't have to do any
- 21 more. And that's the primary thing. I don't want
- 22 to --
- MS. MANWARREN: We totally agree. When the
- 24 utilities were having a workshop on designing this
- 25 thing trying to make this practical, it's possible

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the idea kind of kind of moving on a pass form,
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- 2 "if this doesn't apply, skip this section."
- 3 MR. ROMANOWITZ: Right.
- 4 MS. MANWARREN: That would simplify it a
- 5 great deal so we'll try to put that on there.
- 6 MR. ROMANOWITZ: Yeah. I'm sorry. I missed
- 7 the last workshop so --
- 8 MS. MANWARREN: Oh, no no. This was an off-
- 9 site
- 10 MR. TUNNICLIFF: But I think what we intended
- 11 to do, tried to do, is align this definition with
- how it's defined in the 353.2 --
- 13 MR. ROMANOWITZ: Yes.
- 14 MR. TUNNICLIFF: -- and it doesn't
- 15 necessarily meet your needs -- or drop you out of
- 16 having to complete anything else or causing
- 17 confusion for a project that has zero emissions.
- 18 MR. ROMANOWITZ: Right. I think one of the
- 19 critical points of this whole thing is mostly the
- 20 discussion I've heard today is, you know, there
- 21 are many points where uncertainty can be created
- 22 which can reject an application at the utility
- level and we want to avoid that and make sure that
- 24 applications go in clean and can be processed
- 25 through. I think that's a critical objective.

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1 Yeah.
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- 2 Thank you.
- 3 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: So, Dan, it's just a
- 4 little formatting stuff to deal with.
- 5 MR. TUNNICLIFF: It seems like it. And then
- 6 it's all pending too. We need more clarification
- 7 from CARB about what exactly we need to do and
- 8 again whatever that is, you know, we're amenable
- 9 to that.
- 10 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Any other comments on
- 11 that?
- 12 Okay.
- MR. TUNNICLIFF: Part 7 hasn't changed since
- 14 the last generation -- I don't believe it's
- 15 changed, though let me check --
- 16 MR. SOLT: Let me make the same suggestion
- here that I made on part 6, and that is get the
- 18 facility as a qualified QF -- a certified QF,
- 19 excuse me. You have a box that that he can check
- 20 that says is he -- is there a certified QF
- 21 certification. You don't need boxes filling out
- the pages.
- 23 That brings up another interesting point. I
- 24 would disagree violently with your definition of
- 25 QF back in your glossary but that's but that's a

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1 different thing.
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- 2 MS. WESTBY: And the only comment I had is I
- 3 imagine this piece will go away from the form
- 4 under your jurisdiction since it's a CTC
- 5 exemption; is that correct?
- 6 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Well, the CTC portion
- 7 is relevant to the exemptions. It's one of the
- 8 four components.
- 9 MS. WESTBY: Yes.
- 10 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: So we need to have
- 11 that.
- 12 You can avoid the tail CTC as part of
- 13 the --
- MS. WESTBY: Right, but are you administering
- 15 that?
- MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: In terms of the full
- or partial exemptions, no. That's the way it's --
- 18 MS. WESTBY: Okay. Well, in that event the
- only thing I have and I'm sorry I didn't catch it
- 20 on the first time through is there are four boxes
- 21 to check. First, I agree with Chuck, but if you
- get into checking the exemption qualification.
- 23 The third qualification is subsumed by the fourth
- 24 which is that it is located on the same parcel of
- 25 land that is a part of 218 itself and I think that

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the use of the term "parcel" is confusing. I
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- 2 would suggest just deleting that particular line
- 3 which since it's already dealt with in the
- 4 following line.
- 5 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 6 Any problems with the calculations at all?
- 7 Nothing's change from that. Those are
- 8 straightforward calculations.
- 9 Okay. Part 8.
- 10 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Part 8. This was -- this is
- 11 the section that was relocated back here. We
- 12 delineated or called out the fact that this is to
- 13 be completed by the utility. And this is part of
- 14 the provisional categorization. Final
- 15 categorization is based on many different steps
- and this is a spot that we had intended for the
- 17 utilities or where I was doing this to specify the
- 18 following conditions must be met before you can
- 19 receive final categorization. And in doing so
- 20 wanted to be able to drop down and look at the
- 21 various components that the customer of the
- 22 generating facility of the departing load would be
- 23 exempt from nonbypassable charges and this is
- 24 something that clearly shows a customer of a
- 25 specific installation what are you going to be

1 exempt from, so if you meet the conditions for

- 2 final categorization and we thought it was
- 3 important to draw it out and at least use that as
- 4 a mechanism. You know, I know we were talking
- 5 about stripping out various components that were
- 6 not necessarily related to the CRS but with this
- 7 information provided, we can also make a
- 8 determination on standby exemptions but we wanted
- 9 to just -- that's further down at the bottom but
- 10 we just wanted to use that as a place holder for
- 11 that as well.
- 12 So I think with this information that's
- 13 contained in the rest of the application we can
- 14 provide exemption from other things that may be
- outside of this but we have the information that's
- just useful to call it out for customers.
- 17 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 18 So from the standpoint of stripping it out,
- 19 give us -- well, is it an internal form that's
- 20 attached to the exemption form? Does it give the
- 21 perception that we're asking for more than we're
- 22 actually required to do, so --
- MR. TUNNICLIFF: Well, we're going to --
- 24 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: I mean, otherwise
- 25 your going to end up with just the first four

- 1 categories in the billing components and that's
- 2 the end of it. The rest kind of disappears.
- 3 MR. TUNNICLIFF: That's correct. Those
- 4 things follow based on exemptions from, you know,
- 5 any of the departing load exemptions so keeping it
- 6 together is good and letting everyone know what
- 7 they'll be eligible for.
- 8 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay.
- 9 Is there concern about having that additional
- 10 information in the form? It's not an addition
- 11 piece of information that's required from
- 12 customers but it has all of the exemption
- 13 information contained here. And the look at the
- 14 public purpose charges and the trust transfer
- 15 account and the non -- the nuclear
- decommissioning, those type of things. Is there
- an objection to having that as far as part 8, at
- 18 least from an administration --
- 19 MR. TUNNICLIFF: The customers not completing
- 20 it, it's the utility telling the customer what
- 21 they're going to be eligible for based on final
- 22 categorization.
- 23 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: So you just have them
- 24 here for the purpose of -- it's just easier for
- 25 you to administer it.

1 MR. TUNNICLIFF: We're telling everyone what

- 2 to expect.
- 3 MS. MANWARREN: It also is a footprint for
- 4 dispute resolution if that happens or the ability
- 5 to cure process. It gives a little bit of the
- 6 reasoning behind granting exhibit provisional
- 7 exemption or not.
- 8 MR. TUNNICLIFF: You mean the following --
- 9 the top section.
- 10 MS. MANWARREN: Yeah.
- 11 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: So it's not
- technically needed for this proceeding but it's
- there for purposes of administering various
- 14 surcharge exemptions --
- MR. TUNNICLIFF: Yes, this is --
- 16 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Providing information
- 17 to the customers.
- 18 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Right. This is for the
- 19 utility to complete and so --
- 20 MS. WESTBY: I don't have any trouble with
- 21 that and I just want to go back to part 7 again
- 22 because I remain confused. That is an affidavit
- 23 in support of the plaintiffs CTC exemption. What
- I understood from the decision is that the CEC's
- 25 involvement is limited exclusively to

1 administering the megawatt cap. The megawatts cap

- 2 applies only to DWR ongoing costs. It has no
- 3 relevance with respect to CTC. I don't really
- 4 have a problem with it but when we were trying to
- 5 parse out what belongs in this form and what
- doesn't, it seems that the CTC exemption has been
- 7 in the past a utility function and I didn't see
- 8 that the decision changed that but again I don't
- 9 have a --
- 10 MS. HOUCK: On page 55 of the decision it
- 11 says, well, only the order of the paragraphs is --
- but it does state CTC. It says, finally 1 to 3000
- 13 megawatts cap is reached or the caps are reached
- on nonrenewable customer generation. All
- 15 additional customer generation departing load
- installed thereafter will pay all CRF components,
- including the bond charge, the DWR, ongoing power
- 18 charge, HCP and TCC and where --
- 19 MS. WESTBY: The CTC is a statutory exemption
- 20 so even when the rest of this goes away the
- 21 statute is still there and there's no cap on the
- 22 statute.
- MS. HOUCK: Throughout the decision when they
- 24 discuss CRS though and they talk about what
- 25 they're declining they've included CPC in the

definition of the CRS. Certainly I understand the

- 2 statute doesn't go away but it was a component
- 3 that was included within the definition of what
- 4 would be included.
- 5 MS. WESTBY: It's not under the cap. It is a
- 6 charge that is separate from the megawatt cap and
- 7 in the decision on page -- let me find it -- 50
- 8 something -- the megawatt cap it says on page 51
- 9 applies to DWR ongoing power charges.
- 10 If you look at the second paragraph under
- 11 Other Customer Generation.
- 12 The thing that's subject to a megawatt limit
- is the exemption of DWR ongoing charges.
- 14 And that was my understanding that the whole
- 15 CEC function as it's described under -- beginning
- 16 at page 51 relates to the ongoing EWR charges
- which is subject to the cap.
- 18 MR. TUNNICLIFF: It also goes on in
- 19 conclusion of law in paragraph 16, the CEC is the
- 20 logical entity that determine eligibility for
- 21 qualifying for the exceptions to paying the CRS as
- 22 specified in this order.
- 23 MS. WESTBY: And as specified in the order
- starting on page 51 it talks about ongoing DWR
- charges.

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1 MR. TUNNICLIFF: Right.
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- MS. HOUCK: Now it's also important at 72
- 3 that they clarify any penalty PT payments required
- 4 by this decision under fines in Public Utilities
- 5 Code 367(a), 1 through 6 and then they talk about
- 6 how they're calculated.
- 7 I think if you go back to -- which is it --
- 8 on page 67. I don't know if it's -- basically is
- 9 says departing load exempt from CTC pursuant to
- 10 statute blah blah blah shall not be required to
- 11 pay scale CTC and that isn't under the same
- section that we're talking about megawatt cap.
- MS. WESTBY: I think what may be confusing
- 14 here now that I see it because I'm focusing on the
- larger ones but if you look at 8, paragraph 8,
- there's a tail CCC exemption given to ultra clean
- and low emissions that isn't under two seventy --
- MS. HOUCK: And that's what we're looking
- 19 at --
- 20 MS. WESTBY: So that's a narrow -- very
- 21 narrow, yeah. In here it talks about 367.
- So do not otherwise exempt from 372 and 374,
- 23 then you administer that exemption up to the cap;
- is that correct?
- MS. HOUCK: Yes.

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1 MS. WESTBY: Okay.
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- 2 MS. HOUCK: Yes.
- 3 MS. WESTBY: I get that.
- 4 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: That clarification,
- 5 does that require some change in the language in
- 6 here?
- 7 MS. WESTBY: I think I would just make clear
- 8 that the affidavit -- Edison's going to have to do
- 9 one anyway wherever it comes but the affidavit
- 10 applies only with customers who are not otherwise
- 11 exempt from CCC by statute. So that form would be
- 12 eliminated to that group of customers for your
- 13 purposes.
- 14 Pardon?
- 15 Part 7.
- 16 So again, I expect that Edison, PG&E in San
- Diego will do one anyway for the other customers
- who are exempt under 372 or 4.
- 19 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Any other comments on
- 20 that?
- 21 MR. DUGGAN: The resolution -- where we got
- 22 to was brilliant, but it -- and it created another
- 23 question in my mind with regard to part 7. As I
- 24 understand it, we've got through on that
- 25 discussion. You were saying that basically the

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1 statute -- I presume 372 is the section --
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- 2 provides statutory exemption for certain things
- 3 from CTC charges. As I recall, it's a CHP systems
- 4 that are -- and then what you're looking at is the
- 5 Energy Commission is -- are the components which
- 6 are ultra clean and low emissions exemptions. So
- 7 when I look at part 7 I don't see anything in the
- 8 calculation here, when I look real quickly, that
- 9 relates to anything other than the technologies
- 10 that already exist. So if you're trying to use
- 11 this form to determine that subset that you said
- of technologies that are exempt from CEC, then I
- don't see how this form helps you get there.
- MS. WESTBY: I agree with you.
- 15 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: I think we'll have to
- look at that and how it applies to Code 21367 and
- how it applies here. So we'll take a closer look.

- 19 That takes care of the discussion on part 7.
- 20 MR. TUNNICLIFF: I think we're done on 8.
- 21 The last thing again is I don't know that we
- 22 need -- I think we started with this talking about
- 23 the attachment to the glossary. I think we need
- 24 to make some clarifications on that in an initial
- 25 statement that the Commission decision in CPUC or

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1 the Public Utility Code or whatever is the
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- 2 governing body for these definitions and this is
- 3 only -- or definitions -- and this is only a
- 4 glossary to help along with this process, so --
- 5 So we do agree that there are some --
- 6 probably some complex and some definitions that
- 7 need to be better defined. There are glossary
- 8 items that need to be better spelled out but again
- 9 that will be in time.
- 10 MR. ROMANOWITZ: For your QF definition all
- 11 you really have to do is take the wording out of
- the Code 228.5(a) and that defines it in simple
- terms, about the same number of words.
- 14 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Okay. Great.
- 15 Other comments?
- Okay. So I guess what we'll all need to do
- 17 is --
- 18 MR. SOLT: Kevin pointed out you go to the
- 19 last page of 7 I guess it is? Page 11. The
- 20 equation ends up at 42 and a half percent. Looks
- 21 like it's inconsistent with the previous page and
- it's not using half of the thermal energy but all
- of it. Just a quick glance. It looks like a typo
- 24 mistake or it should have been half TNUT.
- MR. TUNNICLIFF: Well, that looks correct.

1 MR. SOLT: If you eliminate the whole section

- there would be no more comments here.
- 3 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Thank you, Chuck.
- 4 You owe us some double A batteries.
- 5 With all of the discussion we've had here
- 6 today I'll probably wrap it up here in a minute or
- 7 two so we're only an hour behind what I promised
- 8 when we started. Just three hours ahead of what
- 9 we could have been so that's probably good.
- I don't see a need to have the September 15th
- 11 workshop. We're going to have the Renewables
- 12 Committee hearing for the 24th so you can remove
- 13 the September 15th date from your calendar if you
- thought you were going to be here for that.
- 15 What I would ask Dan and the rest of you
- 16 folks, if you can make the changes to this and I
- 17 don't know if you can get this within like the
- 18 next week and then resubmit it. I'll send it out
- 19 to the group. We can have some internal
- 20 discussions amongst ourselves and get ready for
- 21 the hearing on the 24th.
- MR. TUNNICLIFF: And we'll work with you on
- 23 those couple of sections that we need further
- 24 clarifications. I think those are good points
- 25 that we retain place holders until we get further

1 resolution on some of these conflicts that we have

- 2 identified today that are beyond what we are taxed
- 3 with.
- 4 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Yeah. And we may not
- 5 share some of those quick iterations back and
- forth, but we'll definitely have a more finished
- 7 product in advance of the 24th so we can have that
- 8 for discussion in front of the committee.
- 9 We'll also attempt to raise various issues
- 10 that we've come across in terms of this notion of
- 11 providing PUC guidance with some outstanding
- 12 issues that are going impact things in the future
- and we'll move from there.
- 14 Also as a general courtesy, if you feel like
- 15 you're going to really provide some comments in a
- 16 fairly critical -- could you let us -- give us a
- heads up so we don't have to hear it on October
- 18 20th because we really are committed to trying to
- 19 get process moving along and to the extent that
- 20 parties wait until October 20th to really critique
- 21 us, it will, without question, delay the process
- 22 quite a bit and -- I mean, we were concerned about
- 23 having a nine or ten minute delay in getting these
- rates adopted from April 3rd to now so we'd like
- to get this in place so if there's concerns, let

1 us know in advance, whether formally or informally

- and we'll start work on those issues and hopefully
- 3 it will be done on the 22nd of October.
- 4 Any other closing comments?
- 5 Chuck, double A. Costco has 48
- 6 batteries --
- 7 MR. SOLT: I'll bring some the next
- 8 time.
- 9 The only thing to reiterate is that I still
- 10 don't see why the application or the verifications
- going to the utility ought to be going to the CEC
- 12 directly because their controlling the cap and
- they're making the ultimate determinations.
- 14 Forms look good, it's just a question of who
- is receiving them.
- 16 So I'm on the record again.
- MR. MURLEY: Scott, I have a procedural
- 18 question.
- 19 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Sure.
- 20 MR. MURLEY: You're talking about trying to
- 21 stay on schedule and I just wonder if significant
- 22 comments do come in that persuade you to change
- 23 the rule as it presently stands whether that would
- initiate a new clock in terms of your
- 25 requirements?

1 MS. HOUCK: It depends on the changes. If

- 2 the changes aren't considered substantive and
- 3 they're changes that everyone would have expected
- 4 from participating in this process, it would be an
- 5 additional 15 day review period. If they're
- 6 substantially substantive it would have to be
- 7 another 45 day review period before we could adopt
- 8 the regulations after the changes were made.
- 9 MR. MURLEY: Am I correct in understanding
- 10 that changes to the form do not -- you're trying
- 11 to provide enough flexibility in the way you write
- the rules so the changes to the form can be
- 13 virtually any time.
- MS. HOUCK: Yeah. Changes to the form are
- 15 separate than changes to the express terms that we
- 16 put out for the regulations that forms we -- we
- try to incorporate language with the express terms
- that would allow us to change the forms and adapt
- 19 whatever information would be needed, either
- 20 depending on subsequent PUC decisions or other
- 21 information that is deemed relevant. And the
- forms would likely go through another public
- 23 process like this but they just need to be
- 24 approved by the CEC and contain that specific
- 25 information.

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1 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: So it's quite
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- 2 possible that we won't have this finalized by
- 3 October 22nd, but the regs basically say, you
- 4 develop a form, and so we are doing that.
- 5 MR. TUNNICLIFF: And also on that point too
- 6 Doug made a -- from San Diego -- made a point
- 7 earlier about ultimately these forms, if for
- 8 utility use will be filed so that process comes
- 9 into play too. So, you know, while we're going
- 10 through the iterations, they ultimately -- we see
- 11 them being file forms that go along with an advice
- 12 letter, verification, et cetera.
- 13 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Kevin, you had a
- 14 comment?
- MR. DUGGAN: Scott, the question is can you
- 16 explain or tell us what the process is that we'll
- 17 be going through to gain that CPUC input into some
- of these issues that are outstanding and will we
- 19 be able to see the questions and the answer then?
- 20 MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: I would suspect you
- 21 would see it in some variation. We'll have some
- internal discussions, a couple of phone calls to
- 23 start that -- start that process off. I think in
- 24 terms of formalizing it any concerns and questions
- 25 can certainly be voiced to UC as part of the

1	Commission's decision that we would presumably
2	issue on 22nd of October. I think that from that
3	standpoint we'd like some input in terms of how
4	we're crafting it and potentially we can build
5	that into the decision. So in any event at least
6	it's some documented evidence that there is some
7	concern that has been expressed about a number of
8	areas that need further exploration by the PUC.
9	Here is, you know, here is our take on what you
10	should consider. So we'll commit to that, subject
11	to someone saying that we won't commit to it.
12	(Laughter)
13	MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: Well, we'll all
14	commit to that.
15	MR. DUGGAN: Thanks, Scott. That was very
16	clear.
17	MODERATOR TOMASHEFSKY: My pleasure.
18	Any other comments, though?
19	I appreciate everyone coming and enjoy your
20	trips home.
21	(Whereupon, at 12:58 p.m. the workshop was
22	adjourned.)
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